

2020 Commencement Ceremony

Monday 10 February marked the 12th Commencement Ceremony for our school. This tradition was inaugurated to mark the beginning of the School's academic year, to recognise the outstanding achievements and academic excellence of the 2019 VCE Unit 3/4 students.

The Commencement Ceremony is also an acknowledgement and induction of the 2020 School Captains and Prefects and to establish a clear vision for the school year with regard to academic rigour and school leadership.

It is with great pleasure I announce the recipients of these prestigious awards and scholarships:



Student	Award
Chloe Woolley	Dux of School 2019 (pictured above with Mr Neal)
Samara Peel	Award for Perfect Score: Mathematics: Further Mathematics

Subject awards are awarded to students who have gained scores of 45 or above in a Unit 3/4 subject. Such a score places these students in the top 3% in a particular subject.

Student	Subject Awards
Tara Brown	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Visual Communication Design
Georgia Burston	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Business Management
Alejandra Camacho	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Languages: Spanish
Liam Cornford	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Hospitality
Samuel Davey	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Maths: Further Mathematics
Alexandra Dellar	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Maths: Further Mathematics
Stevan Deris	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Maths: Further Mathematics
Jenna Franks	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Maths: Further Mathematics
Luke Phelan	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Maths: Further Mathematics
Jack Prelec-Smith	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Maths: Further Mathematics
Brodie Hillier	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Health and Human Development
Lainey James	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Business Management
Elizabeth Morrell	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Awards: Psychology and Studio Arts
Mia Stanley	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Food Studies
Aya Taniguchi	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Food Studies
Lauren Walmsley	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Business Management
Chloe Woolley	Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Award: Food Studies and Legal Studies
Madalyn Ewert	Top Class Dance Award

Academic Excellence

Academic Excellence Awards are for students who have achieved an ATAR greater than 90. This places them in the top 10% of candidates sitting Year 12.

Award for Academic Excellence: General Excellence VCE				
Chloe Woolley	Dara King	Jamiele Cabato	Lainey James	Aya Taniguchi
Elizabeth Morrell	Nathan Clark	Rachel Jackson	Kai Mitchell	Sarah Lunt
Stuart Campbell	Lauren Walmsley	Jack Slattery	Tara Brown	Grace Frederickson
Stevan Deris	Connor Anthian	Jay Penny	Georgia Burston	

Scholarship Listing

Callow Scholarship
Sonix Aiga (Year 7)
Alexander Ross (Year 8)
Matthew Stevenson (Year 7)
John Leaver Scholarship
Lily Dannatt (Year 7)
Imogen Davie (Year 7)
Joanne Joseph (Year 7)
Meha Modi (Year 7)
Jacob Seenan (Year 7)
van den Hende Family Scholarship
Roshyna Attwal (Year 7)
Ella Thomson (Year 9)
Vasish Vasireddy (Year 7)

Academic Scholarship 2020
Saanvi Venkat (Year 8)
Alpay Sarman (Year 8)
Zack Burston (Year 8)
Anchal Singla (Year 9)
Madeleine Koorn (Year 9)
Phoenix Menz (Year 10)
Ilesha Spiteri (Year 10)
Eloise Driver (Year 10)
Ella Noorman (Year 11)
Sophie Wall (Year 11)
Victoria Ly (Year 11)
Liam Anthian (Year 12)
Harrison Danton-Jack (Year 12)
Vanessa Kohut (Year 12)

2020 School Captains



2020 Prefects



Mr Kevin Richardson – Senior Deputy Principal

Upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews and Reading Workshops

Maddingley Junior School (Prep to Year 4) Parent Teacher Interviews

The Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews for all students from Prep to Year 4 will be conducted on **Wednesday 4 March and Thursday 12 March 2020**.

Interviews with your child's class teachers are to be booked online via the myBMG – Parent Portal available on the school website, www.bmg.vic.edu.au. Parents have already been provided with log in details. If you have misplaced your log in details you can either request notification online or by phoning the school office on 5366 4800.

Booking an appointment with your child's teachers: Online bookings for classroom teachers will open on Monday 17 February at 10:00am. Online bookings for specialist teachers will open on Monday 24 February at 10:00am. Online bookings will close on 28 February. Once a booking has been made it is confirmed unless contact is made by the relevant staff member or school administration. Interviews will be conducted in the locations outlined below. For full details, please refer to information sent home to families or access the letter under 'Documents' via the Parent Portal.

	Interview Room	Waiting Room
Prep	Music Room 1	Wilson Hall 1
Year 1	Wilson Hall 2 & 3	Wilson Hall 1
Year 2	Wilson Hall 2 & 3	Wilson Hall 1
Year 3	W11 & W12	Upstairs W Gallery
Year 4	W11 & W12	Upstairs W Gallery
Specialists	W10 & W13	Upstairs W Gallery

Woodlea Prep to Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Woodlea Prep to Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted on **Wednesday 26 February and Monday 2 March 2020**. Interviews with your child's class teacher, and specialist teachers if required, are to be booked online via the myBMG – Parent Portal available from the school website, www.bmg.vic.edu.au. Parents have already been provided with their log in details. If you have misplaced your log in details you can either request notification online or by phoning the school office on 03 5366 4800.

Online bookings will open on Monday 17 February at 10:00am. Bookings for class teachers open up early to ensure all parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. Please ensure you book in a time before the bookings open for specialist teachers (see details below) due to class teachers also teaching specialist classes.

Online bookings will open on Wednesday 19 February at 10:00am to enable parents to book to see their child's specialist teachers.

Online bookings will close on Friday 21 February at 12:00pm.

For full details please refer to information sent home to families or access the letter under 'Documents' via the MyBMG Parent Portal.

Year Level	Venue	Waiting Room
Prep	Room G09	Internal Corridor Outside Rm G09
Year 1	Room G10	Internal Corridor Outside Rm G10
Year 2	Room 113	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 113
Year 3	Room 114	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 114
Year 4	Room 115	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 115
Year 5	Room 116	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 116
Year 6	Room 116	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 116
Year 7	Room 117	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 117
Specialist Teachers	Room 112	Internal Corridor Outside Rm 112

Prep Parent Reading Information Night

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we recognise the valuable part you, as parents, play in helping your child learn to read. To help close the gap between reading at home and at school, an Information Night and three practical workshops will be presented. All parents of Prep students in 2020 are invited to attend the Parent Information Night and one of the Practical Workshops. Both the information session and the workshops are to promote a shared understanding of the reading process and provide you with practical strategies to assist your child at home. This will not only help your children with their reading, it will build your confidence when helping them. Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend the relevant year level workshop, listed below. For full details, please refer to information sent home to families or access the letter under 'Documents' via the myBMG Parent Portal.

READING – Prep Parent Information Night – Maddingley and Woodlea

When: Thursday 20 February, 2020 at 6.30pm
Locations: Maddingley Campus Gymnasium and Woodlea Gymnasium

READING - Parent Practical Workshops – Maddingley and Woodlea

When: Tuesday 25 February 2020 – Prep (8.45am)
Wednesday 26 February 2020 – Year 1 (8.45am)
Thursday 27 February 2020 – Year 2 (8.45am)
Locations: Maddingley Junior School Library and Woodlea Gymnasium.

Mrs Nici Deller – Head of Junior School and Mr Luke Symes – Co-Head of Woodlea Campus

Maddingley Middle School Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that the Middle School Parent Teacher Interviews for all students from Year 5 to 8 will be conducted on **Wednesday 19 February** and **Tuesday 3 March 2020**. Booking information has already been advertised. Please refer to information sent home to families or access the letter under 'Documents' via the myBMG Parent Portal.

Maddingley Junior Showcase

On Friday 20 March, the Music Department will be hosting our first Junior Showcase for 2020. The event will take place at 9:00am in the John Leaver Gymnasium and will feature performances from the following classes/ensembles:

- Year 3 Students - Singing Item
- Year 4 Students - Singing Item
- Year 3 / 4 Choir

Parents and families are welcome to attend and we would love to see you there.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact Aaron Marshall on (03) 5366 4800 or at marshalla@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mr Aaron Marshall – Music Department

Sport Updates

ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis

A reminder to all that the ICCES Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday 4 March at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). Events will start at 12.30pm and conclude at 4.00pm. At present, House Trials and House Swimming Carnivals will decide teams. There is also training taking place at lunchtimes for ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis.

The Badminton and Table Tennis events will also take place at MSAC from 12.00pm until 4.00pm on Wednesday 4 March

A reminder to all athletes chosen in teams: once permission notices are distributed, please return at your earliest convenience.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

Zali Ward in Year 11 and a BMG Elite Sport/ FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport Scholarship athlete, has been selected by Hockey Victoria to attend a European Hockey Tour in Belgium and the Netherlands in March this year. The invited athletes are made up of Hockey National Futures /Junior and Development squad members and is a prestigious group of athletes. We wish Zali all the best in the up coming Tour.

Emmasyn Faust in Year 7 has qualified for Team Australia at the 2020 Dance World Cup and World Dance Movement Titles which will be held in Italy in June / July this year. Congratulations Emmy on a fantastic achievement and good luck later in the year.

Once again, congratulations to all on a great week for BMG Mustangs in Sport!

In the meantime, train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

Maddingley Junior School House Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to students who competed in the Junior School House Swimming Carnival on Monday. An exciting day was had by all.

Congratulations to Pentland House which was the overall winner on the day.

Well done to Taylor Miller who broke 3 individual records, as well as her relay record:

- 9 year old Girls' Freestyle
- 9 year old Girls' Butterfly
- 9 year old Girls' Backstroke

The Pentland Girls 10 year old relay team also broke the record. Well done Taylor Miller, Abbey Smith, Tina Ma and Anika Tran.

The BMPSSA District Swimming Carnival will be held at Melton Waves on Thursday 27 February, with the 9/10 year old team to be announced early next week. For students aged 11, 12/13, they will be announced after the Middle School House Swimming Carnival next Friday.



Mr Nick Sher - Junior School Sport Coordinator

Careers News

The Year 12 cohort of 2020 began the year as busy as ever. We began our first day with a very raw, motivational and educational lesson on the more social aspects of this year provided by public speaker Sonya Karras. This presentation has left our cohort with many vital life long lessons about safety and how to look out for others.

We have also begun setting our academic and life goals for this important year, as we begin to really explore our tertiary education, or our options once this year is finished. This was aided through the privilege of participating in a very memorable and educational event that took place on Friday 31 January. Here, 72 alumni students (dating back to the graduate class of 2011) returned to BMG to speak about their experiences after leaving school. From Tradespeople to Paramedics, Biomedicine and Law students to Engineers and Policemen, a wide variety of returning students catered for everyone's interests and desired future pathways. More recent BMG graduates provided study advice and information about their personal experiences of managing Year 12 stressors and balancing life. From this event, we were able to realise how broad and exciting our career and study options are for the following year, learning about pathways and fields we didn't even know existed. This event was a great success, with resonating messages left on students' minds... "with hard work, you can accomplish your greatest goals".

We look forward to keeping you up to date with the academic and career-based news this year.

Jenna Franks and Elana Penny - Academic Captains

Host families needed

We have a group of students going to France at the end of Term 1, and 20 students from France visiting us in July. Our relationship with Sainte-Marie la Verpillière, near Lyon, started about 16 years ago and it is because of the kindness and generosity of host families that we can keep this exchange going. We only need 5 more host families, so if you are (preferably) in Senior school and are able like to host a French student for 3 weeks in July, please contact me at: erhardt@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mrs Fiona Erhardt - Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

SRC News

The Student Representative Council is once again running an Easter Raffle for the Good Friday Appeal at both Maddingley and Woodlea. Donations for the Easter baskets are welcome and can be taken to the front office. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Caitlin Bowers & Mrs Laura Humphrey

Current Family Enrolment Procedure for Year 7 2021

Families of current Year 6 students, attending either the Maddingley and Woodlea Campus in 2020, will be asked to confirm their child/s commitment for a Year 7 2021 position. Correspondence will be emailed to current families by the end of this week.

The process of confirming your child's Year 7 2021 enrolment is necessary due to the high demand for Year 7 entry at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Current families, whose children currently attend another primary school and who have not as yet placed a Registration of Interest for Year 7 2021, are urgently reminded to complete a Registration of Interest for Year 7 2021 by 21 February 2020.

This enrolment process can be completed via the [school website](#).

Please contact the School Registrar on 5366 4800 if you require any further assistance.

Mrs Shona Hiscock - School Registrar

2020 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

Please see [attached information](#) regarding the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a 'statement of addresses' in accordance with the *Australian Education Regulation (Cth)* (Regulation).

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Important Private Bus Information

CCTV on Buses

Effective 2020, CCTV is fitted on all private BMG school bus services and will be operational. They will record from Stop 1 to school in the AM (morning) and school to the last stop in the PM (afternoon). The footage will be kept for seven days; after seven days the footage will be deleted. The footage will be sent on request to BMG. The footage is time sequenced and records the rear saloon of the bus and driver's cabin area. Should you require any further information on this additional safety procedure, please feel free to email the School Bus Services Coordinator.

AM Drop off

Parents and students are advised to be at their designated pick up stop a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the departure time listed on their route timetable.

PM Pick up

Our drivers are instructed not to allow primary aged students to exit buses unless there is a parent or guardian to receive them at the bus door.

Permission Tags

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students may provide written permission for their children to exit the bus without a parent/guardian to collect them and for them to take responsibility for their younger siblings. Students in Prep to Year 4 must have a Parent/Guardian at the stop for collection. If a parent is not there to collect their child, the driver will call our Operations Team who will contact the School. The School will then contact the parents regarding a pick up location. If a parent is un-contactable, the child will remain in the driver's care and will be taken back to the bus depot to await collection. Parents of students in Prep to Year 4 may nominate an additional person to collect their child from the bus by completing a Junior School Permission form and emailing it to bus@bmg.vic.edu.au located on the [Parent Portal](#).

A green permission tag will be placed on the student's bag advising the driver who has permission to collect the child/ren from the bus.

2019 Permission tags will be removed from the students' bags on 21 February 2020. If you require your child to disembark to be met by someone other than the parent/guardian, an updated permission tag must be completed for 2020.

Parking

It is recommended that parents pull off the road into a service road or designated car park (where possible) whilst dropping off and picking up their children. Parents need to be mindful not to park their cars in the way of the bus and ensure that the bus has enough space to safely drive into and pull out of the stopping area. Also, as there are bus stops in residential areas, it is important that parents do not park in, or across, residential driveways and always respect residents' property.

Roll Call

By now, all parents would have received a 'Welcome' email from Roll Call. We advise parents to activate their account so they have live tracking of the bus and notification that their child has tapped on/off the bus.

Woodlea Late Bus

The Woodlea Late Bus is available on Tuesday afternoons, but only for students who are participating in the Middle School Production or attending after school curriculum classes. Students are to sign up on the late bus register prior to 1.30pm in the Main Administration office. Please note that the [Late Bus](#) is a limited stop service.

A reminder that parents should:

- Drop off or wait for their child on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Park away from the designated bus stop area.
- Not approach students, other parents or the bus driver.
- Under no circumstances board the bus.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Conveyance Allowance

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement on 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.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebrations, 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 interests to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2020. 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 celebrations of any particular faith.

Please ensure that you complete the form that applies to your child's travel. Forms are available from the main office at both the Woodlea and Maddingley campus. Please be aware that no allowance is payable if the journey, to and from school, can be made using a free bus service.

Please contact Kerryn Browne if you have any queries.

Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Book Club News

Welcome to our new BMG families and welcome back to all our returning families!

Scholastic Bookclub is back for 2020 with our annual Book Fair scheduled for early in Term 3.

We are very grateful for all the amazing support from our BMG community at both our Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses, in continuing to make our Book Fairs such a big success and providing many great resources for the school.

You may be familiar with Bookclub from your child's previous school. We no longer send out catalogues to our students but we encourage parents to order online and have the books delivered to your home for a small postage and handling cost.

The link to order is: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

If you haven't ordered before, you will need to register.

- Create an account - assign it either to yourself or one of your children. You are advised to just set up one account and place your orders for all your children under this account. As orders incur a postage and handling fee of \$4.99 this will reduce the overall cost.
- Your child's designated teacher is the Year Level Coordinator.

Maddingley: Prep: Kylie McKerrow/ Year 1: Helen Saunders/ Year 2: Sian Rawlinson/ Year 3: Jodie Taniguchi-Muston/ Year 4: Lisa Stephens/ Year 5: Trevor Hilton/ Year 6: Wes McLaughlin. Senior School orders can be placed under Diane Dunn as designated teacher.

Woodlea: Prep – Year 7 orders nominate Feona West as designated teacher.

Your order generates rewards used for valuable school resources.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is a big supporter of reading and literacy and has been involved with Scholastic since 2001. Please see Scholastic's latest promotion of the importance of reading with your children in this newsletter.

**Scholastic Book Club Coordinators
Mrs Diane Dunn (Maddingley Campus) & Mrs Feona West (Woodlea Campus)**

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

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.

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school website](#).

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

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

Enrolment is now completed online. For full information please visit the [school website](#).

Email: chrissie.ashmore@ymca.org.au **Phone:** 0490 178 638 **W:** www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Maddingley:

bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au

0438 154 842

Located: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au

0490 490 362

Located: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336.

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

Woodlea Campus

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A photograph of a male Elvis tribute artist performing on stage. He is wearing a white, double-breasted suit jacket with large buttons and a matching white shirt with a ruffled collar. He is holding a microphone in his right hand and a guitar in his left. The background is dark with some stage lights visible.

The Plough Marquee
17 MAIN STREET, MYRNING, VIC 3341
Friday 6 March 2020
12pm

*Supporting
Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Hospitality Students &
Darley Neighborhood
House*

3-course Set Menu
*Plus Award-winning
Elvis tribute Artist Damian Mullin
throughout the afternoon*

\$55 pp
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

Bookings essential
visit The Plough online store

Further details & tickets:
www.theplough.com.au