



## BMG Strategic Planning – Survey Results

*'A person must possess a deep sense of security in fundamental principles and values.'*  
*Stephen Covey*

As Bacchus Marsh Grammar undertakes a thorough and transparent process to develop its next Strategic Plan, all staff, parents and senior students (Years 11 and 12) were recently invited to respond to an online survey seeking information about, and views of, the school. I thank the 624 people who generously responded to this invitation for their valued and important input into this process.

*Values underpin behaviours*, and so it is important that the school seeks to understand the reasons why people choose and admire the school, and which values, skills and qualities they observe or seek from each student as they grow and develop in the school. The responses are summarised, with many consistent themes arising:

The entire **Staff** was invited to identify the 1. *personal* and 2. *general* values/skills they seek and observe in students as the reasons they admire the school. (142 staff responded to this invitation, each giving up to 5 responses (for both of the categories):

Summarised results are:

Respect 77.46% (110 responses)	Wellbeing 30.28% (43)
Kindness 43.66% (62)	Belonging 28.87% (41)
Leadership 39.44% (56)	Enjoyment 27.46% (39)
Community Spirit 38.03% (54)	Contribution 26.76% (38)
Inclusivity 35.92% (51)	Responsibility 25.35% (36)
Ambition 33.8% (48)	Confidence 23.24% (33)
Enthusiasm 32.39% (46)	Adaptability 21.83% (31)
Responsibility 30.99% (44)	Resilience/Perseverance 20.42% (29)

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There were 381 **Parent/Guardian** responses, which are summarised below:

Respect 77.63% (295 responses)	Motivation 27.11% (103)
Leadership 53.56% (203)	Community Spirit 27.18 % (103)
Confidence 57.63% (219)	Integrity 26.05% (99)
Discipline 43.54% (165)	Honesty 25.53% (97)
Responsibility 41.05% (156)	Excellence 25% (95)
Maturity 36.41% (138)	Diversity 24.54% (93)
Success 31.93% (121)	Accountability 23.48% (89)
Resilience/Perseverance 28.95% (110)	Wellbeing 22.43 % (85)

There were 101 Year 11 and 12 student responses:

Respect 54.46% (55 responses)	Kindness 34.64% (35)
Leadership 43.56% (44)	Enthusiasm 33.66% (34)
Motivation 37.62 % (38)	Success 33.66 % (34)
Confidence 37.62% (38)	Resilience/Perseverance 30.69% (31)
Ambition 37.62% (38)	Honesty 30.69 % (31)
Diversity 37.62% (38)	Freedom 28.71% (29)
Individuality 34.65% (35)	Wellbeing 28.71% (29)

Additionally, parents were asked to identify the *three main qualities* they most admire and/or why they chose the school to educate their sons and/or daughters. Of the 381 responses:

Reputation 57.22% (218/381)	The school cares well for its students 32.28% (123)
Academic Results 49.08% (187)	Geographic location 28.08% (107)
Excellent Facilities 48.56% (185)	Uniform and Discipline Policies 23.1% (88)
Quality of Teaching Staff 36.22% (138)	Affordability 22.31% (85)

Students were asked what they admire most about the school (three main areas).

Of the 101 responses:

Excellent facilities 84.16% (85)	Academic Results 35.64% (36)
Quality of Teaching Staff 58.42% (59)	The school cares well for its students 34.65% (35)
Geographic location 40.59% (41)	Reputation 23.75% (24)

Staff were asked why they chose to work at the school. 140 staff responded:

Excellent facilities 70% (90)	Reputation 55.71% (78)
Quality of Staff 67.86% (95)	Academic Results 20.71% (29)
Geographic location 67.14% (94)	

In the coming months, these outcomes (and more) will be sought, collated and utilised in planning Bacchus Marsh Grammar's next phase of its future. In essence, Bacchus Marsh Grammar is resolute in further strengthening educational outcomes, fostered by an accentuated focus on student health and wellbeing. Above all, the quest is to enable each student to develop skills to identify their strengths and develop capacity to apply them to their studies, their extra-curricular and cultural activities, the way they communicate with one another and with their community, and how they serve their community. I appreciate and welcome input from the school community.

**Mr Bruce Simons - Associate to the Principal**

## Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) –Applications Due

**This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink pensioner concession or Health Care Card number (CRN).**

If you are yet to return your CSEF form, please ensure this is returned to the Administration Office no later than Friday 19 June 2020 to ensure ample time for your application to be processed. Further information and the CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

Enquiries and soft copy forms can be emailed to Rachel Davidson at [accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au)

**Ms Rachel Davidson – Finance Officer**

## School Captain introduction

### Mia Stanley

I feel so privileged to be chosen as one of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar School Captains for 2020.

I have attended Bacchus Marsh Grammar since Prep and am extremely grateful for each and every opportunity the school has provided me; teaching me many lifelong skills which include Leadership. I am looking forward to the year ahead of me and being able to use my position to create a positive influence around the school community. A leader to me is somebody who leads by example, doesn't believe they are better than anybody else, is approachable and willing to create a difference. These are all characteristics I wish to display throughout this year and beyond.



I have been an engaged and enthusiastic member of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar School community, being involved in numerous activities which include inter school sporting events, being a choreographer in the Middle School musical, dancing in the annual school musicals and academic programs such as the Deakin Inspired Minds Program. I was also honored to receive the Allister Cutler Memorial Award in 2018 which is one that I hold highly and am very grateful to have been awarded for recognition of my active engagement within the school community and positive attitude. I strongly encourage getting involved within the life of the school. School is what you make of it and by getting involved in as many of the myriad activities that our school has to offer allows you to create lifelong memories.

Outside of school, I run my own small business 'Shining Mia, Handmade Crystal Infused Beauty' which first began early last year. I sell my products which I make at markets around Melbourne and recently through my online store. After the completion of Year 12, I wish to complete my Bachelor of Health Science and Bachelor in Applied Science to become a Qualified Doctor of Chinese Medicine. I aspire to help others improve their health and wellbeing and become the best version of themselves.

I am looking forward to the many opportunities that this year holds, embracing and appreciating each and every one of them.

### Callum Thomson

I am grateful to be one of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's School Captains for 2020. Having been at the school since Prep, I have respected and admired the position and am honoured to have this privilege.

With this being my 13th year at the school, I have had the chance to participate in many aspects of the school, with highlights being the ICCES Winter Tour and participating in several school bands. I believe to make the most of high school you should get involved in as many extra curricular activities as possible.

I have received many awards within the school, including Academic Excellence and Outstanding Effort commendations as well as my school colours.

To me, leadership is being able to listen to and empathise with others whilst also being a strong model who can inspire and empower others.

Outside of school, I work part time at Coles which I believe has been invaluable teaching me time management skills and further developing my social skills. I also enjoy playing guitar and drums in my spare time. It teaches me the value of consistent practice.

After school, I aim to complete a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Music at Monash. Combining practicality with passion will help maximise my time at university.

I look forward to representing and leading the school in the year ahead.

## Sport Updates

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### 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. Events start at 12.30pm and conclude at 4.00pm.

As well as the ICCES Swimming Carnival on 4 March, ICCES will also be holding a Badminton and Table Tennis event.

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

### Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

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

**Jye Penny – Year 10** FedUni WestVic Institute of Sport/ BMG Elite Athlete who has been selected to represent Australia at the Volleyball Youth Boys' 2020 Thailand Development Tour to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 12 to 25 April. This is a wonderful opportunity for a fine young athlete who is reaping the rewards of all his exceptional hard work.

**Joanne Joseph – Year 7** has been selected to represent Australia in the prestigious Trans Tasman Squash Series. Joanne will play in the Under 13 girls' division against New Zealand. The Trans-Tasman Test Series is an annual competition between the best Junior Squash players Australian and New Zealand have to offer. Recently Joanne was invited to a week at the National coaching camp by Squash Australia, along with all the top players in the country. Based on her performance at the camp, the national selectors announced her inclusion in a team to represent the country this year in the Under 13 girls' division.

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**

## Canberra Study Tour 2021

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Current students of Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley (Years 7-10) and Woodlea (Year 7) have been offered the opportunity to tour Canberra in 2021. This tour is offered by the school and complemented by WorldStrides tour company. Subject to minimum numbers, the tour will take place from 21 June – 25 June. It will involve plane travel to Canberra and return via luxury coach and include tours of iconic places such as Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the High Court and the Australian National Gallery. The focus of the tour is the extensive curriculum links to current Year 9/10 and VCE subject selections in the areas of Commerce, Arts, History and English. The tour will also include an extensive component of leadership skill development, with an emphasis on service leadership, the preferred leadership philosophy of Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

The cost of the trip is estimated at \$1025.00 (subject to numbers) and includes transportation, accommodation, meals and all tours. Students have received information regarding the study tour. Further details for attending students and parents will occur in upcoming information sessions.

Students can collect an expression of interest form from Mrs Sarah Hunter or the form can also be located via the parent portal.

Please contact Mrs Sarah Hunter: [hunters@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:hunters@bmg.vic.edu.au) if you have any questions.

**Mrs Sarah Hunter – Assistant Principal**

## SRC News

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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. See additional information at the end of the newsletter.

**Ms Caitlin Bowers & Mrs Laura Humphrey**

## International Week – Maddingley and Woodlea

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As part of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's ongoing commitment to supporting those in need, we have planned some special events for the whole school in Term 1 during International Week. Profits raised during International week will be donated to the Can Thanh Special School in Vietnam that is supported by the Loreto charity. Loreto Vietnam is an Australian charity which has operated in Vietnam for the past 20 years. Their focus is on education, to enable disadvantaged children in remote provinces, to access quality education. Last year, the Year 6 Study Tour students were fortunate to visit this school in Ho Chi Minh City and funds raised by Bacchus Marsh Grammar helped provide them with new kitchen equipment and air conditioners.

To celebrate International Week, the school will hold martial arts demonstrations and host Taiko drummers, with other activities planned throughout the week.

Maddingley's International Week is 2 March to 6 March and Woodlea's Week is 10 March to 13 March.



On **Friday 6 March (Maddingley) and Friday 13 March (Woodlea)**, the School SRC will run an **“INTERNATIONAL DRESS DAY”** in support of this cause. We are encouraging students to wear sports uniform to school and bring an item of clothing or an international costume they can wear over their sports uniform. Regulation BMG uniform shorts, socks and hat must be worn. No face painting or coloured hair is permitted. To participate in this day, students are asked to bring a **gold coin donation** to show their support in raising funds for the Can Thanh Special School.

On these same dates, the School will host a **“SPECIAL FOOD DAY”** in support of this cause. Students will need to pre-order and purchase items online through Qkr! App.

When selecting the menu, please ensure you click on **MADDINGLEY or WOODLEA SPECIAL FOOD DAY**

Orders for both campuses will close by 4pm Friday 28 February 2020.

Special food available for all students on this day will be: (Portions \$8.50 ea.)

**BALINESE STYLE** - Mie Goreng (Dairy Free & Nut Free) A mildly spicy fried noodle dish with chicken and green vegetables, tomato, mushroom, fried shallots and lime juice

**CHINESE** – Vegetarian Special Fried Rice (Dairy Free, Nut Free, Vegetarian) (Gluten Free option available) – with onion, garlic, peas, corn, eggs, mushrooms and spring onions.

**Mrs Jacinta Davie - Head of Junior School LOTE**

## Music News

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### Music Department - Woodlea Leadership Ceremony

Congratulations to all recipients of leadership positions. A warm thank you goes to Chanel McKenzie 8F for providing such lovely entertainment on the day.

**Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music**

### 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](mailto:marshalla@bmg.vic.edu.au).

**Mr Aaron Marshall – Music Department**

## Host families needed

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We are in need of **one** family to host a French boy and we still need **three** families to host girls when we have our French sister-school students arriving. They will be here from the 15 July to 4 August (give or take a day or two).

If you are able to help out, can you please e-mail me at [erhardt@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:erhardt@bmg.vic.edu.au). Hosting is a wonderful experience for you and your families, and lifelong friendships can be made from these exchanges.

Mrs Fiona Erhardt - Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

## Student Wellbeing

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### Online safety for young children

You may have heard some discussion over the past week about the eSafety Commissioner's suggestion that parents ask their young children for permission to take and share their photo. It certainly prompted some debate and coincided with the launch of the eSafety Early Years booklet which offers practical advice for parents and carers of children under five years old. The positive message that came through this discussion was around modelling respectful online behaviours which support keeping our children safe.

The eSafety Commissioner provides excellent resources for all members of the wider community which are produced based on evidence gathered from Australian and international best practices as well as eSafety's own research. We would recommend you take some time to explore these resources and also encourage your child to do so. There are resources specifically for [kids](#), [young people](#) and [parents](#) in age-appropriate formats which are easy to navigate.

Wellbeing Team

## 2020 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

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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

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### Permission Tags

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students may provide written permission for their child to exit the bus without a parent/guardian to collect them and for them to take responsibility for their younger sibling. Students in years Prep – Year 4 must have a Parent/Guardian at the stop to collect them. 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 uncontactable, 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 Grades Prep – Year 4 may nominate for 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](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au) located on the parent Portal. This, in turn, will have a green permission tag placed on the students bag advising the driver who has permission to collect the child/ren from the bus.

**2019 Permission tags will be removed from students' bags on Friday 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.**

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

## Conveyance Allowance

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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**

## Canteen News

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Please be advised that all families who order lunches online via QKR must log into the App and update their child's year level/class information for 2020, as this class information has carried over from 2019 or for new families the service has defaulted to Prep.

**Canteen Service Team**

## BMG Community Contacts

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

#### Maddingley:

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

0438 154 842

Located: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

#### Woodlea:

[woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au)

0490 490 362

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

## Regular Contacts

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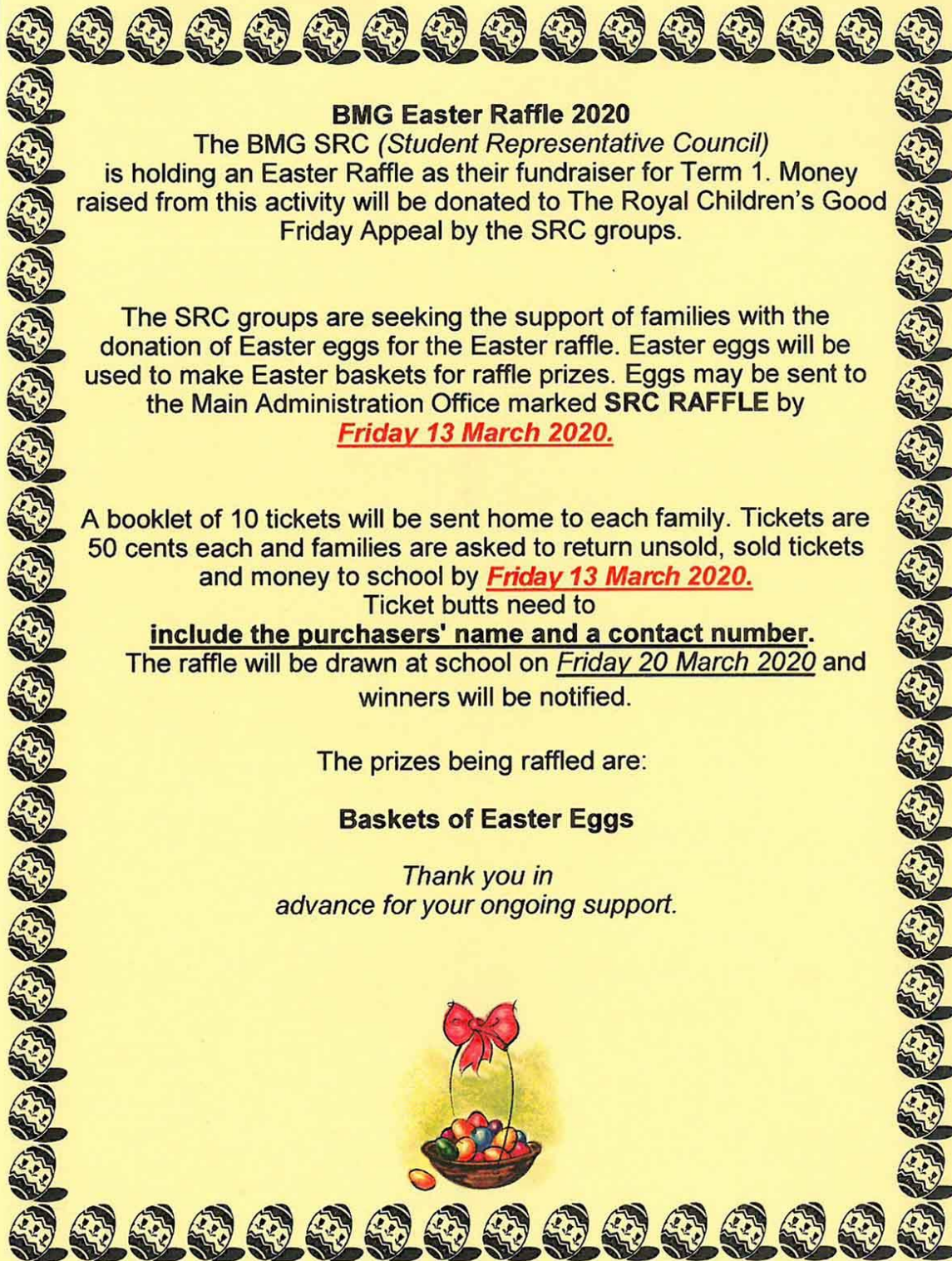
### Student Absentees

#### 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 Easter Raffle 2020**

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

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with the donation of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Main Administration Office marked **SRC RAFFLE** by **Friday 13 March 2020.**

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 **Friday 13 March 2020.**

Ticket butts need to **include the purchasers' name and a contact number.** The raffle will be drawn at school on **Friday 20 March 2020** and winners will be notified.


The prizes being raffled are:

**Baskets of Easter Eggs**

*Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.*





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.

**The Plough Marquee**  
17 MAIN STREET, MYRNIONG, 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](http://www.theplough.com.au)

## Community News



### Sons of the West program coming to Melton March 2020 Visit [sonsofthewest.org.au](http://sonsofthewest.org.au) and register today!

Sons of the West is a FREE and FUN men's health program

- 10 WEEK program for MEN
- LEARN more about your HEALTH in a safe, inclusive space
- Make FRIENDS for life
- Try FUN new types of PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

For more information please email [info@sonsofthewest.com.au](mailto:info@sonsofthewest.com.au),  
phone 03 9680 6355

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#### LOCATIONS

##### TAYLORS HILL

Weekly from Tuesday 17 March  
to Tuesday 26 May, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Taylors Hill Community Centre  
121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill 3037

##### WEST MELTON - TWO sessions

Weekly from Thursday 19 March  
to Thursday 28 May, 4:30pm-6:30pm  
and 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Arnolds Creek Community Centre  
19 Claret Ash Blvd, West Melton 3337

