

BMG NEWS



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BMG Hospitality @ The Plough

On Friday 6 March, 32 students from our VET VCE Hospitality program travelled to Myrniong to staff the Elvis tribute event at The Plough. The event welcomed 90 guests from the local community and treated them to a 3 course lunch, prepared by students from our Year 12 class. Students from the Year 11 Hospitality program provided professional front of house service throughout the day, by setting up the dining space, waiting upon tables and interacting with the guests at the event. All attending students are commended for their efforts throughout the day and the way in which they represented both Bacchus Marsh Grammar and William Angliss in the public realm.

We would like to once again thank Mark and Ruth from The Plough for their continued connection with Bacchus Marsh Grammar and our hospitality programs.

Mr Jaike Ludewig – Learning Area Coordinator: Food Studies & Hospitality



School Vice Captain introduction

Alejandra Camacho

I have had the privilege this year of being given the role of School Vice Captain for 2020, which is a role that I am very passionate about and excited to carry out. In the past I have always been a very active leader, having leadership positions in primary school and in Year 9/10.

For me, the most important thing about school is taking part in a diverse range of different opportunities, of which Bacchus Marsh Grammar has many to offer. I have always been very academically oriented (and have been lucky enough to receive Dux in the past and other academic scholarships/awards), but for me, it is very important to have environments where I can step away from that and have another outlet.

I have consistently been a part of BMG productions, public speaking and debating, and events and competitions like Deakin Inspired Minds or Lions Youth of the Year. I also love reading, and making art and music.

I am very excited about what this year has to hold, and am looking forward to making it a successful year on a whole school level as well as an individual level.



Declan Xerri

My name is Declan Xerri and I am fortunate enough to have been chosen as one of six Vice Captains for 2020, a position I am very grateful to be given.

I have been a student at Bacchus Marsh Grammar since Year 7 which has given me ample opportunity to be involved in the life of the school. To me, leadership is about setting a good example for those around me whilst being able to see the bigger picture and plan accordingly.

Throughout my school career, I've involved myself in many activities. I have performed in lead roles in two school productions and will be working backstage for the 2020 production. I am a keen member of the school Theatre Sports and have taken part in that activity every year since 2016. I have also been a key member of the Debating Team since Year 9, debating every single round in 2019 and winning a 'Swannie Award' for the highest scoring debater in the Essendon Region for my year level. I also took time after school on Tuesdays in 2018 to help teach debating skills to the primary year levels of BMG. Public speaking is one of my passions, which is why I was especially excited to take part in the 2019 Model United Nations Assembly and honoured to receive the best male speaker award for that year. Another passion of mine is music and I love performing at House music every year, whether a solo or group performance.

Outside of school I play domestic Basketball with my friends and get coached by my dad. I also play Netball with my mum which is really fun and has been great because I get to drive there every Sunday which gives us great bonding time. I also take piano lessons and play in a band with friends from school, making songs for pleasure which gives me a really good outlet to be creative and stay stimulated.

Going through Year 12, I don't have specific goals in mind in terms of a place I want to be when I finish school. All I know is that if I try my best and work my hardest I will be happy with whatever results I get. In the meantime, I want to focus on cultivating better habits and values that I think will get me further in life. Mindfulness, Honesty, Self Control, Self Care, Courage, Persistence, Organisation and Adaptability are the values I'm pursuing throughout Year 12 and I'm excited to be on my journey to become a version of me I can be proud of.



Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews

This week, Senior School students (Year 9 to 12) have been provided details regarding Parent Teacher Interviews. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend interviews on either Thursday 19 March or Monday 20 April. Bookings are now open and can be made via the myBMG Parent Portal.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School

Maddingley Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews

I would like to thank the staff and parents/guardians that attended the Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews over the last couple of weeks. I believe that Parent Teacher interviews symbolise the three-way partnership that exists in a child's journey through school. When parents and teachers come together, it creates a positive relationship that results in everyone working together with the child's best interests as the priority. It was therefore great to see the large number of families that attended these evenings. If you were unable to attend, we recommend that you make contact with the class teacher to check on your child's progress. I welcome any feedback and look forward to further opportunities throughout the year to meet and interact with the Junior School families.

Mrs Nici Deller - Head of Junior School

Student Wellbeing

When the unexpected happens

There can be challenges that your child may face coming to school each day. Small changes in our daily routines can trigger big emotions if we feel we are not prepared. Our children sometimes need to navigate unexpected events at school, for example if a friend is away, they have an unfamiliar teacher, they have forgotten about a test or maybe a thunderstorm catches everyone by surprise. How do our children cope with these unexpected changes and the ups and downs of daily life? Building resilience in our children helps them to cope with difficult events and will help them work through stressful or unplanned situations. Each day we may be faced with circumstances beyond our control, but we can control how we respond. Here are some tips to help prepare your children for the unexpected:

- Teach your kids how to control their emotions and to think clearly. Play or talk through some scenarios and let them express their fears and come up with strategies together.
- When something unexpected happens, teach your child to think about what is happening, what is the most important thing to think about and what can they do to make it better?
- Encourage your child to be flexible and praise them when they have coped well with change or an unexpected event.
- Teach your child breathing techniques to stay calm in unexpected situations.
- Encourage them to focus on what they can control.

For more information visit Beyondblue.org.au or raisingchildren.net.au.

Student Wellbeing Team

Student Achievement



On 2 March, the first Australian Plastic Summit was held in Parliament House, Canberra. I was lucky enough to be able to go because of a scout scholarship I applied for and was successfully awarded. It was an amazing opportunity to share my knowledge, meet new people and learn more about our plastic crisis. First, we all gathered in the Great Hall where we were spoken to by Scott Morrison and Sussan Ley about what they are doing and their views on our plastic waste problem. Then all the kids (there were about 20 kids) moved to the Old Parliament House to brainstorm some ideas for the government to implement to reduce our plastic, as well as forming an extra part of the curriculum that may be implemented to teach kids about our plastic problems. We all then gathered back in the Great

Hall to share with the whole group our ideas. I was lucky enough to present this to the Environment Minister, Sussan Ley.

Isaac Busuttill – Year 6

Senior School Sport Updates

ICCES Swimming, Badminton and Table Tennis

The BMG Mustangs had a fantastic day last Wednesday at the ICCES Swimming Carnival and the ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis Tournaments. The Swimming Team, once again, showed great consistency in their performance, finishing in 4th Place overall, just 4 points off third. All events on the day were hotly contested and swimmers had to swim either State times or extremely close to these times to even place in an event. A big congratulations to the Junior and Senior Boys who both placed second overall in their Divisional shields and the Junior and Intermediate girls who placed third overall in their Divisional shields.

OVERALL RESULTS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1 ST	Ballarat Grammar	1158.5
2 ND	Gippsland Grammar	1073.5
3 RD	Girton Grammar	929
4 TH	Bacchus Marsh Grammar	925
5 TH	Braemar College	740
6 TH	Hamilton & Alexandra College	739.5
7 TH	Goulburn Valley Grammar School	716
8 TH	Highview College	367.5

Congratulations should not only go to the Team who swam brilliantly but also to the Coaches and Physical Education staff that managed the team, headed by Mr Kennedy (Swimming Coach), Miss Pino and Mrs Gill (Team Managers) and PE/Sport Interns Ben DeBortoli, Niamh McCallum and Bec Staunton.

Next door to the Swimming Carnival, both the Badminton and Table Tennis Teams were competing in their respective competitions. Both teams had been chosen after a lengthy training and selection process and the best three athletes in two divisions, both male and female were selected.

In the Badminton hall, the students played extremely well and were placed 2nd in the Junior Girls Division, narrowly losing the final to Gippsland Grammar School. In our other age group teams, the Junior Boys finished 3rd, Senior Girls finished 4th and Senior Boys 6th. This resulted in a 4th place overall in the Aggregate Shield.

The Table Tennis athletes also performed fantastically with the Junior Boys finishing 3rd, Senior Boys placed 5th, Junior Girls 2nd, Senior Girls 7th and Junior Girls 4th. Congratulations to all athletes and a special thank you to coaches Mr Durham, Mr Perks and Mrs Daniel who convened the Badminton and our PE/ Sport Intern Charlie Perks.

Overall the BMG Mustangs Teams that competed at the first ICCES events for 2020 have set an extremely high standard for the rest of the athletes in the school and we look forward to the up coming Athletics and Winter Tour in Term Two.

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

2020 DAV Debating

The BMG 2020 DAV Debating team has completed its first round for the year, returning with success! These teams, made up of students in Years 9-12, represent BMG through five rounds of debates at St. Bernard's College in Essendon, in Terms 1-3.

Our A-Grade team began the year by successfully arguing, "That we regret the rise of streaming platforms such as Netflix and Disney +", with Elana Penny taking Best Speaker Award.

Our B-Grade teams took home one win and one loss, as they argued, "That we should ban climate change denial," with Sophie Wall awarded Best Speaker.

DAV Debating continued...

We also saw a fine effort by our C-Grade competitors, starting off the year with some excellent arguments against strong opposition.

Congratulations are also in order for our D-Grade competitors who made their DAV Debating debut, and had their first win. We would like to welcome these debaters into the team and congratulate them on winning their first ever debate, successfully arguing that, "We should limit the amount of cars each household owns."

Along with the great success across all teams in Round 1, we are also excited to see so many new, talented competitors, representing BMG with a record number of 7 teams.

Congratulations everyone!

Elana Penny - Year 12

Music News

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

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 make sure 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

Ms Rachel Davidson – Finance Officer

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 campuses. 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

Bus Information

Parent Parking

Parents need to be mindful not to park their cars in the way of a bus and ensure the bus has enough space to safely drive into and pull out of the stopping areas. It is recommended parents pull off the road into a service road or designated car park (where possible) whilst dropping off and picking up their children.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Service Administrator

Book Club News

Issue 2 catalogue is now out and ready to order from until the end of Term 1.

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 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 & handling fee of \$4.99 this will reduce your overall cost.
- Your child's designated teacher is the Year Level Coordinator – we no longer have separate class teachers listed.

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.

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

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](#).

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Community News

[Scholarship Program for 2021 now open](#)



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2021 Scholarship Program NOW OPEN

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is pleased to announce that its Scholarship program for 2021 has opened.

Full details are available on our website www.bmg.vic.edu.au under Enrolments.

For further information please contact the Principal's Executive Assistant Mrs Michelle Graham on **5366 4800** or school@bmg.vic.edu.au

Check website for closing dates.

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