



Message from our School Captains

Hello BMG students, families and teachers,

This is a short message from your School Captains to congratulate all of you for showing resilience, adaptability and commitment to keeping our community safe during this challenging time.

Our unique situation has left many uncertain and a little anxious during recent weeks; however, we did it! We are now out of isolation and are ready to complete Term 3 with the same positive attitude we had in the beginning. We ask and encourage everyone to support and connect with one another again as we move back into Term 3. Continue to be mindful of others' feelings and keep up with the positive encouragement.

Our thoughts and good wishes are also with those staff and families who are still dealing with challenging circumstances. We wish you well and hope to see you back at school soon.

Some people rise in times of hardship and others need a helping hand. As School Captains, and on behalf of the leadership team, we want to encourage you to reach out at any time if you are in need. For wellbeing and mental health support, the school also offers further individual assistance.

Contact for Wellbeing and Mental Health:

- Mrs Pittard – Deputy Principal - Student Wellbeing Team - pittardr@bmg.vic.edu.au
- Mrs Ogston – Deputy Principal – ogstond@bmg.vic.edu.au

Help is available so please make sure you do reach out if you are not coping.

Now that restrictions have eased, we will all be getting involved again with our local sports clubs and extra-curricular activities. Also ensure to make the most of the end of isolation by going outside and getting some sun and fresh air.

We look forward to brighter times ahead. Stay connected, positive and safe!



Zoli Earnshaw



Samara Peel



Zali Ward

Zoli, Samara and Zali

Prep to Year 4 update – Maddingley and Woodlea

The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. When students read aloud to a parent or carer, they have the opportunity to explore perceptions, values and attitudes through a shared conversation about the text they are reading.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, students are required to read aloud to a parent or carer for 10 to 15 minutes each day as part of their homework routine. This enables students to share and engage with the text and to practise important reading behaviours and comprehension skills including:

- **Fluency** – reading aloud with consistent speed, accuracy and expression,
- **Vocabulary Development** – acquiring and understanding new words within texts,
- **Comprehension** – gaining a complete understanding of various meanings within texts including: literal (information directly stated); inferential (information that is implied); critical and evaluative (personal judgements and opinions about the information).

The Reading Reflection Journal allows students to keep a record of their daily reading which is then checked by their teachers.

Students are also encouraged to reflect on their reading and the Reading Journal provides suggestions for a variety of strategies students can use. Reflections give students the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of their reading. This can be achieved through conversations between the student and their parent or carer, or by completing the reading reflection table in their Journal.

Mrs Danielle Copeman – Head of Woodlea Campus and Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School: Maddingley Campus

Senior School News

We are looking forward to students returning from online learning next week and anticipating the buzz of the classroom and getting to see all our students in person! I would encourage all students to attempt to ensure they are up to date with class work for Monday and are ready to continue with their learning. Use the weekend to recharge and prepare for the rest of Term 3.

For our Unit 3 and 4 students, the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) has stated that the General Achievement Test (GAT) has been rescheduled to Thursday 12 August 2021. The rescheduling of the GAT allows schools time to organise logistics and put COVIDSafe protocols in place so that students and staff can return and participate safely onsite. Information relating to health requirements and expectations will be released to students in due course.

Also, for Unit 3 and 4 students, VCAA has offered Consideration for Educational Disadvantage (CED) to students of 2021. The CED process takes into account the disruption to student learning caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It applies to every student completing one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 – 4 sequences in 2021 (including Year 11 and 10 students). This process aids in restoring students' results to where they would have been without the disruptions that have occurred throughout the year and makes sure that final VCE results are valid and fair for all students. All students completing a Unit 3 and 4 subject will be supported in making this application. This, along with other processes, will allow our Unit 3 and 4 students to be supported in overcoming the issues faced this year.

Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School

Sweet Surprise for our Year 12 students

There was a special 'sweet' surprise delivered to the Class of 2021. While busy studying, Year 12 students received BMG cupcakes as a small gesture of encouragement at this challenging time.



Wellbeing

Support for parents

We know that parenting has its ups and downs and can be challenging at times, particularly in our current climate of frequent change. [Parentline](#) offers a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years of age. They offer confidential counselling and support around fostering positive relationships with your children, help with your family's wellbeing and resilience, as well as many other parenting issues. They are also able to connect you to services in your area.

[Parentline](#) is available from 8am to midnight seven days a week on 13 22 89.

A range of topics relating to support for [family life adjusting to COVID-normal](#) is also available at Beyond Blue.

Transitioning back to school

As we move towards returning to face-to-face learning, [Beyond Blue](#) offers information around how to support your children during this process. Here you will find resources specific to both younger children and teens.

Middle School Puberty Webinar

Last week, more than 300 Middle School parents joined the webinar on Puberty facilitated by ElephantEd. The slides which were referred to during this presentation can be found on the myBMG Parent Portal under Documents/Middle School/All Middle School.

Student Wellbeing Team

VET Hospitality

Over the mid-year break, the Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality classes completed their practical placements at William Angliss.

The Year 11s spent the week in the kitchens preparing simple dishes and sandwiches ranging from Caesar salads, apple fritters and tempura vegetables to frenched chicken drumsticks. The students developed a range of knife skills and got to enjoy their handy work.

The Year 12s spent the week running the Bistro, serving public customers who enjoyed a three course meal. Students worked in the bar, were hosts and hostesses, ran the pass and conducted silver service as part of their serve food and beverage practical assessment. The skills and experience will be of importance for the students, as they are formally assessed when they complete their 2nd round of placement in September school holidays. The Food Department staff were served by the students on the Wednesday and were impressed by their level of professionalism and the service provided.

Ms Nadelle Kiley & Mrs Nicole Garner

Woodlea Year 7 Global Studies - Ancient Egypt Expo



In Semester One, during Global Studies, the Year 7 students investigated the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. The students identified an aspect of their learning that they found interesting. Through research, the development of ideas and analysis of sources, the students enjoyed creating items to show as part of the Ancient Egypt Expo. In the final week of Term 2, the students presented their models, posters and question boxes to their peers. Presentations ranged from Gods and Goddesses, the Nile to the Afterlife and Mummification.

The Year 7 students worked well with their group members to showcase their understandings and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their Ancient Egypt knowledge with their peers.

Well done to all the Year 7 students.

Mrs Sally Savic - Teaching and Learning Coordinator: Woodlea Campus

Bus Information – Reminder on wearing masks

It is compulsory for ALL students aged 12 and over to wear a fitted face mask whilst they are travelling on a school bus, (this includes to and from school, excursions and camps), unless they have a medical exemption.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

Conveyance Allowance

Conveyance Allowance Semester One 2021 Payment

Travel Conveyance Allowance payments have now been made via EFT into parents nominated bank accounts for Semester One, 2021

If you have any questions in relation to the payment, please contact Mrs Suzanne Pollard.

What is Conveyance Allowance?

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus.

The Conveyance Allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus if their 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 for 3 or more days per week;
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus; 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 in the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school.

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 and 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 in your interest to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2021.

Application forms are available from the main office and from the Parent Portal. The application should be **accompanied by a simple letter** stating the reason that 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 note: if you have already submitted an application for 2021, you are not required to complete another application unless your details have changed. For more information on the Conveyance Allowance, please refer to the School's [Business Notice](#).

Please contact Suzanne Pollard if you have any questions.

Mrs Suzanne Pollard – School Administration Assistant

Regular Contacts

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