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## From the Principal



I would like to welcome all families to the start of 2022, especially those new to the school. It has been a relatively smooth start, given the continued disruption we face with COVID-19. As the year unfolds I, unfortunately, think that this disruption will continue. My hope is that the extent of disruption reduces as the year continues.

By now all students should have received their Rapid Antigen Tests and I would ask parents to ensure that children are using them as directed. We are expecting further deliveries during the coming week for the second half of the Government's five week trial period.

I have been enormously impressed with the way that students have embraced the new time for reading at the school. The classes that I have and others have been in have used the time wisely and I am impressed with the range of things students are reading. The research evidence shows a link between time spent on reading and obtaining a general knowledge of the world and academic success. I would again urge you to take a keen interest in what your children are doing in the S.T.A.R Program - Students, Teachers – All Reading. It is part of a broader reading and writing focus for the coming year.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

## Current BMG Families – Important Reminder

### Prep Reception, Prep and Year 7 2023 Enrolment Applications

Please be aware that enrolment applications for the following entry levels have now **closed**.

- **Prep Reception and Prep 2023**
- **Year 7 2023**

If any **current families**, have a child that is not registered for either Prep Reception, Prep or Year 7 2023 entry, please contact the School Registrar as a matter of urgency– [registrar@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@bmg.vic.edu.au).

Mrs Shona Hiscock - School Registrar

## COVID-19 Update – Testing and Reporting

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### Rapid Antigen Testing

All Government provided Rapid Antigen Tests have now been distributed to students. I would ask you to follow up with your children if you have not sighted them yet. Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is [available online](#).

We would ask that parents test on the following days to enable us to deal with the administration of the test results.

- **Years 7 to 12**      **Test**      **Tuesday and Thursday**
- **Years Prep to 6**      **Test**      **Monday and Wednesday**

### Reporting a Positive Case

In the event that your child is required to isolate, either as a confirmed COVID-19 positive or as a household contact, we request that you notify the school via [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au) with the following information:

<b>Student Full Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Form/Class</b>	
<b>Campus</b>	
<b>Last Date of Attendance</b>	
<b>Symptoms eg. None, Symptomatic, Asymptomatic, Unknown</b>	
<b>Test Date:</b>	
<b>Test Type eg. PCR or RAT</b>	
<b>Symptoms Onset Date:</b>	
<b>Exposed/Infected Outside of School</b>	

If your child is absent from school due to COVID, their teachers will provide lesson materials via Schoolbox in the event that they are well enough to complete some learning at home. Your child's tutor group teacher will also be in contact to check-in and to see if any other support is required.

We anticipate that most students will not miss more than a week of school due to COVID however recognise that in some unique circumstances the isolation period may be longer than this. If it looks like your child will be isolating for more than a week due to COVID, please contact the relevant Head of Sub-School so that we can ensure appropriate support of their learning from home.

### Rapid Antigen Testing After a COVID-19 infection

Students who return to school after their seven day isolation with a COVID-19 infection do not need to do Rapid Antigen Testing for a 30 day period.

**Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal**

## The Podium

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### Achieving Optimal Academic Performance

I would like to welcome everybody back to the start of the academic year. I hope that everyone has taken the opportunity to have a restful break and is reinvigorated for the New Year. Over the break, I read some interesting research regarding brain health and the links with optimal performance over time. Neurologists Dr Dean and Ayesha Sherzai are highly credentialed directors of The Brain and Alzheimers Prevention Program at Loma Linda University Medical Centre, USA, where they study all things brain health, with a particular focus on lifestyle interventions to prevent cognitive decline. To optimise our learning we certainly need to take care of our brains because ultimately that is the "tool" that we are going to use to do the "work".

## The Podium continued.....

They have researched and discovered that to optimise brain health and “sidestep” the decline and diseases that happen over time, a simple “diet” of lifestyle changes have shown to promote amazing results.

The Sherzais have found that by focusing on nourishing the brain, keeping it stimulated and continuously improving its plasticity (the flexibility of our brains to make neural connections) by varying the following methods, we can amplify our mental state, increase productivity, accomplish remarkable tasks and begin each day feeling refreshed and inspired.

They developed a simple acronym that we can all act upon that will improve our brain health and optimal learning performance.

### NEURO

#### 1. N = Nutrition

**Develop good nutritional habits.** Fuelling your brain is one of the most critical components of brain health. Eating healthy, nutritionally rich food is a simple but effective way to enhance your cognitive abilities and protect brain cells. Limiting sugar, fast foods and fat enriched foods will make a huge difference to your brain health. Try the Mediterranean Method. Sit down at a table for at least two lunches or dinners per week. Take time to enjoy the meal. Eat with friends and family.

**Focus on fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains**

#### 2. E = Exercise.

Engage in regular exercise. You’ve likely heard this one before but sticking to a regular routine of aerobic exercise incorporating strength training, dance, yoga or organised sport all have proven benefits for coordination, balance and other cognitive functions

#### 3. U = Unwind

Unwind and de-stress. This may involve meditation, massage, mindfulness, listening to music or moments in nature. Just a short amount of time spent in your backyard or local park can have a drastic impact on your brain by helping to reduce activity in your subgenual prefrontal cortex (the area of the brain responsible for depression). Spending time in nature also has positive effects on short term attention and memory. Loose the mobile phone. Make time to relax. It may sound too simple but giving your brain the time it needs to decompress and do nothing but wander is crucial in helping your problem-solving skills. Take some time to daydream and your creativity will soar while your brain develops new neural connections.

#### 4. R = Restorative Sleep

Research suggests that there are enormous benefits to getting a solid seven to eight hours of sleep per night, beyond just helping you feel more rested and alert. Sleep boosts your ability to learn, concentrate and retain information longer throughout your day. But make sure you are off “light” emitting devices at least 30 minutes before you intend to sleep. Your brain needs time to “get ready” to disengage and optimise sleeping patterns.

#### 5. O = Optimise Cognitive Activity

Engage in expansive thinking and innovative problem solving. Continuously test the brain, test your thinking and read everyday. Stay organized. Recent research suggests that the simple act of organizing your desk and keeping your space clutter-free can have huge benefits to boosting your brain power.

According to Dr Sherzai, “Focusing your efforts on one or two of these tips is a great way to start building the habit of enhancing your brain health, maximizing your mental output and expanding your mind every day.” Choose a couple that you can take away from this list and implement today and you’ll be doing something good for your brain that will have a positive, lasting impact throughout your life

**Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning**

## ICAS 2021 Results

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Please be advised that the school has not received the 2021 ICAS certificates for distribution. The ICAS Assessments were conducted later than usual in 2021 due to COVID and this has impacted the results process.

An individual code (TAP-ID and PIN) on the back of each student certificate is required for parents to access results online. In the meantime, as we are unable to specify when the certificates will be received and, in turn, posted to families, you may wish to contact ICAS Customer Service on **1800 931 775** to obtain the relevant TAP-ID and PIN and log on to access results.

To access your child's ICAS results online:

1. Visit ICAS website homepage [icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com)
2. At the top of the homepage, select Portals and click Results Portal.
3. Click on Sign in under Student Results tab half way down the page.
4. At the Student Result Login, enter the 10-digit TAP-ID followed by the 4-digit PIN and then click Login.

We thank parents for their patience and understanding at this time.

**Mr Kevin Richardson - Senior Deputy Principal**

## Sports Uniform

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In adhering to government advice in relation to COVID-19 practice in schools, the school has made the decision for **all** year levels to wear sports uniforms to school on days when they have practical PE and Sport classes. This will limit the use of change rooms around the school. Students in Years 9 to 12 PE classes and PE electives will have a day nominated by their subject teacher as the day they are to wear their sports uniforms. Some students have multiple PE electives; however, they should not be wearing their sports uniform to school all week.

**Mr Bryce Durham - Director of Sport Education/Head of P.E., Health and Outdoor**

## Woodlea News

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Welcome to our new and returning students to the Woodlea campus for 2022. We hope that all families had a restful summer break and were able to enjoy a special time with family and friends.

It has been wonderful to see smiling faces each morning and afternoon as the students begin to settle into their new routines. Our Woodlea students have already begun to demonstrate their passion and enthusiasm for learning and we cannot wait to see the amazing work produced throughout the year.

There will be many exciting opportunities for our students throughout 2022, so please keep informed by subscribing to the weekly BMG eNews and regularly checking the myBMG Parent Portal and Schoolbox for updates.

We would like to formally welcome our new staff to Woodlea:

- **Thomas Meakin - Head of Middle School**
- **Amanda Maitland-Smith - Head of Senior School**
- **Samantha Forbes - Year 8 Coordinator**
- **Else Demarchi - Year 6 Coordinator**
- **Narelle Brown - Subject Coordinator: Mathematics**
- **Lisa Crossley - Science teacher**
- **Anthony Cunsolo - English teacher**
- **Linda Letten - Japanese & Global Studies teacher**
- **Sophie Hines - Japanese & Global Studies teacher**
- **Brooke Moss – Generalist Primary teacher**

All Woodlea staff look forward to working with our families throughout 2022.

**Mrs Danielle Copeman- Head of Campus & Mrs Sarah Hunter- Deputy Head of Campus**

## Junior School News

### Woodlea – Prep to Year 4

Welcome to Term 1 2022. It has been wonderful to see how quickly all the students from Prep to Year 4 have settled into the school year.

We have been impressed with the how the students have conducted themselves with confidence, one of our school values, being most evident. It has been with confidence that our student body has approached the new school year ready for learning and developing positive relationships with peers and teachers.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. May your BMG experiences be rewarding for all.

We look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

**Woodlea: Mrs Sally Savic -Head of Junior School & Ms Courtney Williams - Deputy Head of Junior School**

### Maddingley – Prep to Year 4

The Maddingley Junior School warmly welcomes students and families to the 2022 school year. We are so very excited to embark upon another year of learning, and are ready to embrace any challenges. 2021 taught us that the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community can absolutely thrive no matter the circumstances and continue to provide quality educational opportunities for our amazing learners.

This week we have welcomed to our BMG family four classes of Prep students, and one class of Prep Reception. Congratulations on the extremely successful transition days which saw confident and engaged students who are already settling into the BMG way. Students loved learning about the Rainbow Fish and creating their own pictures. The Junior School extends a warm welcome to our newest families. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need information or support in anyway.

Year 1 to Year 4 bounded into school on Monday and straight into learning routines; everyone visibly taller and extremely excited to be back with their friends. Students have been respectful to their teachers and kind as they make new friends. Welcome to all of our new Year 1 to 4 BMG students and their families.



This year, a key focus will be our STAR (Students and Teachers All Read) program. Each morning, Tuesday to Friday, students will get the opportunity to read texts of their choice in class. Research suggests that students who read just seven minutes per day in class have substantially higher reading rates than other students. In fact, reading volume is even more important than cognitive ability in the building of knowledge. So far, students have loved the opportunity to really embrace this dedicated reading time.

I encourage you to subscribe to the [BMG eNews](#) as you will find weekly spotlights from the Junior School and other important communication that will support families to maximise their engagement in student learning.

**Maddingley: Mrs Lisa Foster - Head of Junior School & Mrs Kim Blundell - Deputy Head of Junior School**

## Maddingley Middle School News

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Welcome back to the Middle School for 2022 school year! It has been a pleasure to meet and greet everyone back to the school over the last few days, something just a year ago we all took for granted.

I welcome all of those who are new students to our school community and congratulate all of their efforts over recent days to make a positive start in the Middle School. I would also like to warmly welcome our new families to the school and the staff team look forward to fostering and nurturing the growth of your children.

Naturally, the return of the school year brings with it higher levels of routine for school families following the more casual summer months. It does take a week for students to get back into routine. I cannot understate the value of plenty of sleep, a healthy diet and exercise to fuel good learning and assist your student/s in establishing sound routines from the start of the year. If there have been any concerns over the initial days of your student's schooling, please talk with your Tutor Teacher, and they will support you to try and navigate solutions.

For any other queries about your child's education or welfare you can also contact their Year Level Coordinators who are:

**Year 5 - Mr Trevor Hilton**

**Year 6 – Dean Peplinkhouse\* and Mr Wes McLaughlin**

**Year 7 – Mrs Lisa Degnen**

**Year 8 – Mrs Cindy Daniel**

**Deputy Head of Middle School – Mr Scott Bayne**

*\* Please note that Mr McLaughlin is on leave for the month of February and Dean Peplinkhouse will act as the Year 6 Coordinator*

I look forward to an engaging and fulfilling term for all of the Middle School students.

**Mr Dean Peplinkhouse - Head of Middle School**

## BMG Triathlon Club Race Report – Summer Holiday

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Over the summer holidays, students from the BMG Triathlon Club competed in a number of events. **Beau McKerrow** (6B) continued his consistent and fast-paced efforts and represented BMGTC well in the Kids Tri Events at Brighton (12/12/2021) and St Kilda (16/1/2022). **Benjamin Bowler** (8I) competed in the Melbourne Marathon Festival (11/12/2021) and put together a fast race to place 8th in his category in the 10km event. Congratulations to both Beau and Benjamin on fantastic efforts over summer.

Finally, congratulations to Beau who has earned the Club Champion Award for 2021. His consistency and determination throughout the year has been exemplary and resulted in him completing the most training sessions and events and achieving personal bests in 2021.

The Club continues to prepare for the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships in March, 2022 and competing in races is an integral part of this preparation! If you would like to participate in the Club and/or championship in 2022, please contact Mr Armstrong at [armstrongn@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:armstrongn@bmg.vic.edu.au).

**Mr Nicholas Armstrong**

## Early Learning Centre, Woodlea

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Expressions of Interest for the 2023 4-5 year old and 3-4 year old Kindergarten program will be **closing shortly**.

If any current families have a child they have not registered for our 2023 Kindergarten program, please visit <https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/learning-teaching/elc/> to download and complete a Registration of Interest and email to the address on the back of the form.

Please note that you must complete a Prep Enrolment Application prior to submitting the ELC form.

Our Centre is now located on the Woodlea Campus site, 111 Frontier Avenue, Woodlea.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5366 4999.

**Mrs Kerry Osborn - Director of Early Learning Services**

## School Administration Information

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### ICT Service Desk

Please be advised that both parents and students are able to log ICT issues via the school website. On the website go to 'Quick Links' and choose ICT Service Desk and sign in with your ID number and password.

### How the school communicates to parents – important for new families

#### Urgent notifications – SMS/Email from Principal

Please note that any urgent reminders or notifications are sent via SMS. Emails can also be sent via the Principal's Executive Assistant – Michelle Graham (grahamm@bmg.vic.edu.au).

If your child attends the Health Centre, a SMS will be sent to parents advising your child has received medical attention. If urgent, parents will be telephoned immediately.

#### Keeping your details up to date via the myBMG Parent Portal

It is very important that families keep their contact details up to date via the myBMG Parent Portal. Please ensure that medical details are also accurate. Log in details have been sent to new families. Please call the Maddingley Administration office to speak to ICT should you not have access. 03 5366 4800.

#### EdSmart – notifications for excursions/key school communication

All families are sent notifications and permission forms for completion via the EdSmart email notification system. Look for 'Bacchus Marsh Grammar' as the sender in your inbox. Always check your 'junk mail' just in case a notification is missing.

### Notifications for change of pick-up arrangements or appointments during the school day

Please ensure that any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements or notifications for collection to attend appointments during the school day are communicated through the school diary. It is important that for Maddingley campus collection, parents specify either the 'Main Office' or 'Gatehouse' as the collection point. A reminder to parents that the Main Office is on South Maddingley Road and the Gatehouse is within the Main Car Park entered via Gate 1.

For last minute or urgent changes to pick-up arrangements please notify the relevant campus **prior to 2.15pm**.

**Maddingley: 03 5366 4800 or Woodlea: 03 5366 4900**

### Scholarships 2023

Bacchus Marsh Grammar offers inclusive Scholarship opportunities to new and current students. On offer in 2023 will be Scholarships available for Academic Excellence at Years 7 and 9. Further to these opportunities are the Callow Access Scholarships for students from Years 7 to 12. These enable students who would otherwise not attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar to attend on a Full Scholarship. Parents of students must be in receipt of a current Health Care Card to qualify for a Callow Access Scholarship and need to provide a copy of the relevant card.

The school is also proud to offer an Indigenous Scholarship, open to current and new students from Years 7 to 12. Indigenous Scholarship applicants must provide a copy of the applicant's Confirmation of Aboriginality document.

The Callow Access and Indigenous Scholarships do not require students to sit an entrance examination. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by the Principal, Mr Neal.

Applications for Academic Excellence scholarships close on **15 February**. Visit the [school website](#) for more information.

### Events Calendar

Listed on the school website are key upcoming events and excursions – view these events under the [News/Events](#) tab. Full details for excursions and camps are provided via the email notifications from EdSmart and also added to the myBMG Parent Portal under the 'Documents' tab.

### 2022 Handbooks

A reminder that parents can access the School Handbooks for Junior, Middle and Senior School via the website under School handbooks: <https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/news-events/publications/#school-handbooks>

## Multimedia Consent for 2022

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Annually the School seeks parental consent for use of multimedia containing BMG students. The consent process for 2022 was emailed to parents this week as a notification via EdSmart. **Families will need to complete the process for each child.**

Multimedia is defined as photography, video, audio or any other form of electronic recording. This can be used in school publications such as the Yearbook, [Grammarian](#), weekly BMG eNews, school website and can extend to advertising and social media.

Photography and videography can occur on school premises or off-site at school events, activities, camps and excursions. Multimedia will be collected, used and stored in accordance with the School's [Privacy Policy](#).

We request that parents complete the consent process by **Thursday 10 February**. If not completed by this date, students will be marked as DO NOT CONSENT to all categories for 2022. This consent will be active for a full school year.

*Note: This consent process excludes operational/administrative photography requirements such as Health Centre alerts and ID photos, as well as the annual school class photos.*

There are four categories for parents to review and consider consent for:

- **Classroom Activities**

Including but not limited to: BMG staff taking photos and displaying student images within the classroom. Photography or videography taken for the purposes of student assessment or educational purposes.

- **School Publications and School Website**

Including but not limited to: Weekly BMG Newsletter (online PDF), weblog articles on the school website, the Grammarian (online and print format), School Yearbook (print format only) and Handbooks (online and print format). Note: the School Yearbook does feature all school class photos.

- **Advertising/Promotion, Social Media (Facebook) and External Media**

Including but not limited to: Advertising, School Facebook posts or posts of those connected to a school activity, school videos, external media (newspapers or similar).

- **School Production/Musical/Performance or Instrumental Music**

Including but not limited to: Photography and videography for promotion and recording of school musicals, productions, theatre or performance.

If you have any questions, please make contact with the school via [email](#) or call the Maddingley Administration Office on 03 5366 4800.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Marketing and Social Media Coordinator

## Bus Information

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### Roll Call

On 25 January 2022 parents were sent a 'Welcome' email from Roll Call inviting them to activate the Roll Call app. Roll Call is for parents whose children travel on private buses, so they can track the bus in real time and receive notifications of when their child/ren tap on/off the bus. Roll Call is also for parents whose children do not travel on private buses but when they board a bus for a camp, excursion etc. It is advised ALL parents download the Roll Call app.

AM/PM changes: If parents require their child to change their AM or PM stop permanently, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator so this can be updated on Roll Call. For the safety of students and drivers, it is very important that stops are up to date on Roll Call. If students are to disembark as a "one off" at a different stop on their designated route, parents are to update this in Roll Call prior to 1.30pm on the day of travel.

Note: If students are not travelling via a private bus in the morning, parents **DO NOT** need to advise the school. If your student is absent from school, parents are to call the absentee line at their child's campus and leave a message. If students in Prep – Year 6 are not travelling home via bus, a note in the child's diary is required in advance for the class teacher.



## ID Cards

Existing BMG students can use their 2021 Student ID cards to tap on/off the bus until they are issued with their 2022 Student ID cards. Students will have their photos taken over the next few weeks. Once photos are taken they will be issued with their new 2022 ID cards. When students are issued with their student ID cards, they can use them to tap on/off the bus. New students can be logged on/off manually via the bus driver's Roll Call terminal while awaiting their ID cards. Student ID cards are compulsory when boarding a private bus and must be carried at all times. Students who board the bus repeatedly without their Student ID cards will receive a detention.

## Student Permission Cards

Students in Prep – Year 6 require a green permission tag on their bag if they are to disembark the bus to be picked up by someone other than their parent/guardian. Students in Grade 5 & 6 can disembark the bus on their own if they have a green permission tag on their bag for the driver to check. Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notices are available on the myBMG Parent Portal. Please return Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notices to [bus@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au). **2021 Student Permission tags will be removed from the students' bags on Friday 18 February 2022. Any student requiring an updated tag for 2022 must have an updated Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notice completed by this date so a 2022 replacement tag can be attached to their bag.**

## Parent Parking

It is recommended parents pull off the road into a service road or designated car park whilst dropping and picking up their child/ren. Parents need to be mindful not to park cars in the way of a bus and to 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 parents not park across residential driveways.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

## Conveyance Allowance News

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### Government Travel Allowance

Depending on individual circumstances, parents/guardians may be entitled to claim a Conveyance Allowance. Parents/guardians should understand that the allowances are discretionary, they are based on State Government guidelines and do not cover the full cost of student travel.

The Conveyance Allowance will be paid directly to parents/guardians at the end of each semester. Parents/guardians may authorise the school to put their conveyance allowance towards procured transport services by providing written consent. The application form contains a section for parents/guardians to provide this authority.

### Conveyance Allowance Information

The Conveyance Allowance is a government subsidy for student travel to and from school if the student lives more than 4.8 km from their school and in an area not serviced by a free school bus. All Conveyance Allowance applications will be assessed by the Department against the Departmental policies and regulations that apply at the time of application and will only be paid if the BMG student meets the relevant eligibility criteria.

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; or
- 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 eligibility criteria vary depending on the type of school attended and where it is located; however, to be eligible, students new to the school in 2022 must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible;
- reside outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary;
- reside 4.8 km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended; and
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria. Parents/guardians wishing to apply for the Conveyance Allowance must complete and submit, by the due date, an individual application form for each student.

Completed application forms must be submitted to the school by no later than Friday 4 February 2022, otherwise parents/guardians risk their claim not being accepted.

Please contact the school office for an application form.

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 and did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebrations, then you might (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 2022.

## Applications

Parents/guardians wishing to apply for the Conveyance Allowance must complete and submit an individual application form for each student by the due date. **Completed application forms must be received by the school no later than Friday 4 February 2022**, otherwise parents/guardians risk their claim not being accepted.

Application forms are available from the school's main office at both campuses and from the myBMG Parent Portal. The application should be **accompanied by a simple letter** stating that the reason you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school is because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebrations of any particular faith.

**For more information on the Conveyance Allowance, please refer to the 2022 School's Business Notice.**

Please contact Suzanne Pollard if you have any questions – 03 5366 4800.

**Mrs Suzanne Pollard - Conveyance Allowance Coordinator: School Administration**

## 2022 New Student ID Photos

A 2022 new student ID photo session will be held at both the Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses for new BMG students and students who have returned to the school after an extended absence period. Student ID images are used to create Student ID cards which are used for bus travel and school purposes.

All students will have their ID photos taken during class times. Students may be photographed in either summer or sports uniform.

Formal School photos will be scheduled for early Term 2. If you have any further enquires please contact Mrs Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800.

Maddingley Campus	Woodlea Campus
Friday 11 February (morning only)	Friday 18 February (morning only)

## Maddingley Middle School Production

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Our 2022 Maddingley Middle School (Year 5 to 8) Production will be Beauty & The Beast Jr. Students who are interested in being on-stage or backstage are encouraged to attend our **LUNCHTIME** meeting in **Wilson Hall** on **Monday 7 February**. More information is available on Schoolbox.

We look forward to meeting you all! If you have any questions please contact Ms Zahra [zahrae@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:zahrae@bmg.vic.edu.au).

**Maddingley Production Team**

## Canteen

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### Canteen - QKR – Update your child’s class for 2022

Parents must update their child’s Tutor Group classes on their QKR app profile. Woodlea students must have a W in front of the class selection.

When placing orders, please ensure the correct campus is selected.

Orders must be entered by 9.30am.

**Canteen Services**

## Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 1 is out now

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### Issue 1 catalogue is out now!

Visit the [school website](#) for more information regarding the latest catalogue and how to order.

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

## BMG Community Contacts

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### Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

**Phone Orders – 5367 4072**

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.

Enrolments are 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)

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