



Senior School English – We Know the Power of Words

Year 12 Extension English - The 40+ Club Returns for Term Three

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar 40+ Club caters for Year 12 students requiring extension in units three and four English.

The 40+ Club returned last week with a deep dive into post-colonial literature, as students inquired about the generational impacts of colonisation and the features of post-colonial texts. Students also received their third companion booklet, a collection of readings and resources which will accompany this term's 40+ course. This week, students will learn more about the context of our texts with an investigation of Paul Keating, Pauline Hanson and Enoch Powell's influence.

Ms Radbourne is incredibly proud of the exceptional work being produced by members of The 40+ Club so far this year. As we move toward our final SAC, it is more important than ever that students write on sections A and C regularly to ensure that the fantastic work done in Terms One and Two is not forgotten.

All students of units three and four English can access the extension materials developed for the 40+ Club through the Extension English Schoolbox page. Students seeking to be extended in their English should speak with their English teacher or contact the leader of the 40+ Club, Ms Leigh Radbourne.

Year 10 English - 'Romeo and Juliet'

"Wert thou as far as that vast shore washed with the farthest sea, I would adventure for such merchandise."

Last week, Year 10 students enjoyed a tailor-made performance by the Complete Works Theatre Company, designed to help prepare them to write confidently about the set text. Their rendition of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' offered students a fresh perspective of the classic play.



Senior School English continued.....

Students have begun to delve into the themes and the context behind the play by reading, writing and speaking about love, fate and conflict. Prior to viewing the performance, students even participated in performances of their own during their English lessons as they prepared to interpret and analyse the text in writing. Some groups elected to act out their scene in person, while others made finger puppets and turned Shakespearean English into modern English to engage their audience.

The Year 10 English teaching team is delighted with the way that students have begun the new semester. We would encourage parents to have conversations with their children about their study of Shakespeare, particularly as they move towards their assessment task in week seven.

Year 12 English

Stupendous Speeches

Year 12 students have finalised and submitted the transcripts of their oral presentations and commence their presentations in week three. The research and development of this work began at the end of Term One, and the Year 12 teaching team is incredibly proud of the outstanding work we have seen from our classes.

The topics for this year's oral presentations are diverse, from discussions about the disparate experiences of able-bodied and disabled athletes, to messages about the toxicity of 'Cancel Culture.' As students begin to present their speeches, teachers would like to remind them to have confidence in their ideas and *enjoy* this opportunity to express themselves in the final English speech of their school career.

The oral presentation represents the fourth of five SACs in Year 12 English, leaving only one SAC remaining - a comparison between the film 'Charlie's Country' and the memoir 'The Hate Race.' Keep up the great work, Year 12s! The end is in sight! We encourage parents to engage in conversations with their children about the work they are doing in English, and we recommend that students re-read and review their set texts several times in the lead-up to their SAC at the end of term.

Senior English Team

Administration News

Prep Reception ceases after 2023

After much consideration Bacchus Marsh Grammar has decided it will no longer be providing Prep Reception after 2023. The Prep Reception program has run for over 20 years and has been very successful for many people. That being said, there has been a significant decline in interest and the Government's recent decision to change the nature of pre-school arrangements has meant that this change is necessary.

Over the course of this year and next, the School will be working through its approach in what will be a much changed environment. This will almost certainly include a pre-school on the Maddingley Campus in the coming years.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact the School Registrar or Admissions Officer on 03 5366 4800.

Mrs Shona Hiscock – School Registrar

Reporting of a Student COVID Positive Result

A reminder of the procedure to notify the School of a **COVID positive student**, please login to SchoolBox

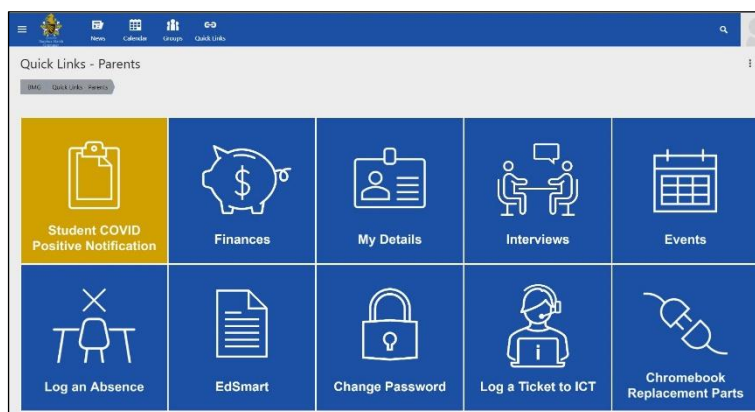
<https://schoolbox.bmg.vic.edu.au/> and select

"Quick Links" from the top of the page.

Then click the "**Student COVID Positive Notification**" tile and this will take you to a Microsoft Form where you can fill in your details, the student with the positive test and relevant dates.

After you press the submit form you will receive an email to the address you entered confirming all the details provided.

Please do not use this link to report a student's household contact status.



Face Masks

Current advice from the Victorian government states that: wearing a face mask can help protect you and those around you. Face masks stop droplets spreading when you talk, cough, sneeze and laugh, which lowers your chance of spreading or catching the virus.

Household contacts attending school who are over 8 years of age are required to wear face masks indoors unless they have a valid exception.

Everyone including students aged 8 years and above must wear a face mask when travelling on public transports, taxis or ride share vehicles. This also applies to the School's buses.

Music Department - Student Success

Congratulations to Stefania Robu on her recent eisteddfod success:

Section	Result
Open Piano solo 10 years	1 st place
Popular Piano solo 10 years	1 st place
Adjudicators award section	1 st place
Australian Composer 10 years	3 rd place
Open Piano solo 11 years	Honourable mention (4 th place)

Stefania was also awarded the *Robertson-Smith Encouragement Award* for her overall performance in her age group. Well done Stefania!

Students who participate in instrument/voice lessons or other performing arts programs outside of Bacchus Marsh Grammar are also encouraged to forward any examination or competition results for acknowledgement in future newsletters: music@bmg.vic.edu.au.



Music Department - Woodlea Campus

I am excited to announce that the School should soon be securing additional space for instrumental lessons at the Woodlea campus. Students who are currently on the wait list will be prioritised. Please note that every effort will be made to progress students from the wait list. New places in the program will be contingent upon staffing and timetabling considerations.

Instrumental music lessons are incredibly popular at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and, as such, our program is often at full capacity. Woodlea parents/carers who have been contemplating enrolling their child for instrumental music lessons are urged to do so as soon as possible in order to capitalise on this new intake.

Please download an [Instrumental Music Enrolment Form](#) and forward to music@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mr Steven Bell - Head of Faculty: Music & Performing Arts

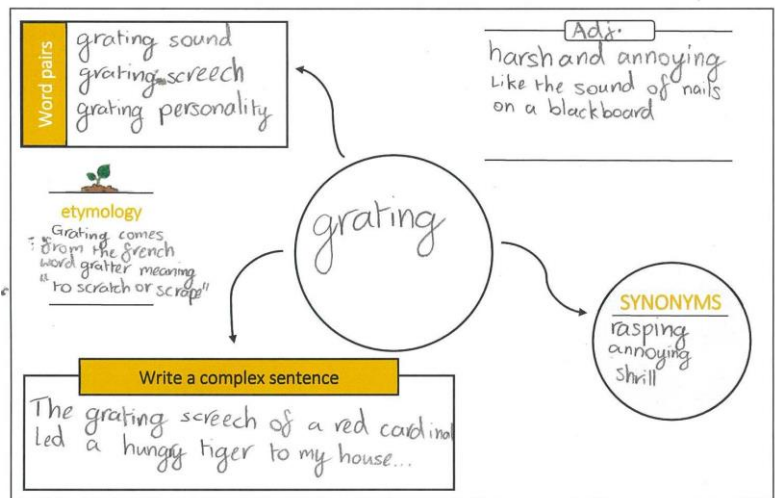
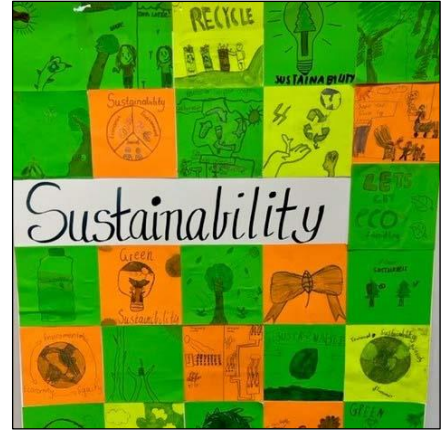
Junior School News

Spotlight on Teaching and Learning in the Junior School (Woodlea)

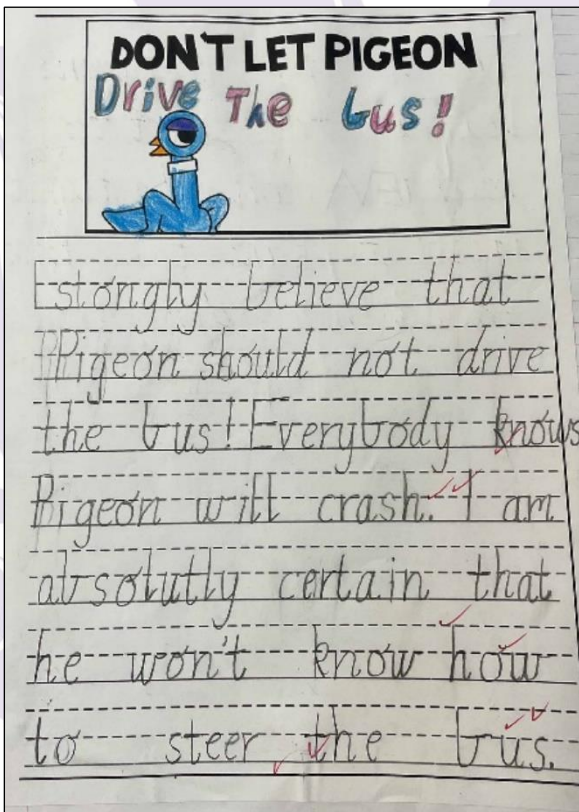
The Junior School team at Woodlea has been exploring the explicit teaching and learning of vocabulary. Students have been engaged in rich experiences where they have been introduced to a range of new words. They have curiously explored word etymology and morphology with the support of their classroom teachers and are beginning to develop a keen eye for word origins using their knowledge of root words. It is imperative that students study words in a meaningful and transferable way so they are able to seamlessly shift this learning into long-term memory. Building a healthy repertoire of words allows students to use these in speaking, writing and reading contexts. To support students to explore vocabulary more deeply, teachers in the Junior School have developed some engaging word study scaffolds and games.

We encourage all families to talk to their children about the focus words, thereby giving them the opportunity to share their expanding vocabularies.

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



Spotlight on Woodlea Year 1



This term, students have been exploring the genre of Expositions. They have been learning to convince an audience to agree with their point of view. Students have explored the structure of expositions and have been introduced to features such as emotive language and rhetorical questions that support them in developing and strengthening their arguments. They have read various texts to gain inspiration and are learning to critically evaluate how authors try to persuade readers to agree with their opinion.

Mrs Aimee La Franchi - Year Level Coordinator: Woodlea Year 1



House Cross Country

Last week saw Maddingley and Woodlea students from Years 7 to 12 visit our Staughton Vale Campus for the annual running of the House Cross Country event. Two fantastic days of weather greeted us at the picturesque surroundings of the course - running through the orchards and up tough hills, and with a competitive edge, made for a great event.

A fantastic atmosphere was enjoyed by both staff and students alike and some excellent individual performances are recognised below. Congratulations to the following Maddingley Age-Group/Year Level champions.

U/11 Female Champion - Myah Estlick – HI

U/11 Male Champion - Jack Coy – PD

U/13 Female Champion - Lyla Mardescic - BA

U/13 Male Champion - Harry Metcher - PD

Year 7 Female Champion - Coco Burt - BR

Year 7 Male Champion - Mitchell Shankland – PD

Year 8 Female Champion - Mackenzie Estlick - HI

Year 8 Male Champion - Ethan Bloss - HI

Year 9 Female Champion - Jessica Fisher – BA

Year 9 Male Champion - Benjamin Bowler - PD

Year 10 Female Champion - Pravallika Tripurana – BR

Year 10 Male Champion - Oscar Burt - BR

Year 11 Female Champion - Indi Stanley – HI

Year 11 Male Champion - Tristan Noorman - BA

Year 12 Female Champion - Sarah McInerney- HI

Year 12 Male Champion - Isaac Nixon - HI

A special thank you to all the staff who attended and assisted on the day; it certainly wouldn't have been a smooth operation without the support of all the staff involved. We are all looking forward to getting out to Staughton Vale again for next year's event.

Mr Evan Long - Head of House

House Results – Senior School

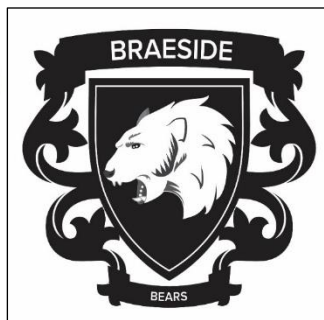
4th Place - 422 Points



3rd Place - 433 Points



2nd Place - 503 Points



1st Place - 512 Points

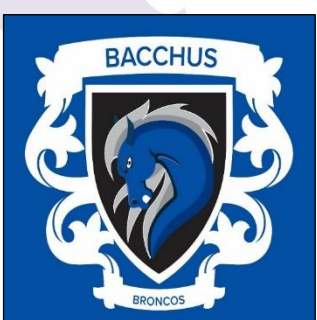


House Results – Middle School

4th Place - 478 Points



3rd Place - 495 Points



2nd Place - 558 Points



1st Place - 649 Points



PE and Sport Update

WestVic Academy of Sport High Performance Day

Our WestVic Scholarship holders were treated to a high-performance day last Friday in Ballarat. Students visited the Health & Sports Precinct at Federation University to have a tour of the facilities and undertake some laboratory fitness testing. Zak Spiteri of Year 12 undertook a VO2 max test within the exercise physiology lab, while all athletes got to participate in a 20m sprint test and the isometric mid-thigh pull test. These laboratory tests give athletes very accurate data and an understanding of their force velocity profiling, strength and aerobic power.



Zak Spiteri Yr 12 – VO2 Max Test



Rye Penny Yr 12
Depth Jump (Photo by Chris Radford)



Ella Birk Yr 10 – 20m Sprint Test

Following on from the testing athlete travelled across to the RADCentre for an athletic development session in strength and condition. The athletes and the school would like to thank Shenae Keleher, Tahlee Van Roosmalen and the WestVic team for organising the day and conducting the testing. A big thank you to Chris Radford and his team at the RADcentre for their expertise in delivering a wonderful S&C session for our athletes.



WestVic Athletes at the RADCentre (Photo by Chris Radford)



Academic Spotlight – Year 9/10 Global Health & Development

Why focus on Australia's health when you can look at the health and development on a GLOBAL scale?

Global Health and Development focus' on the overall health and wellbeing of an individual on a national scale. When we look at Australia, we are very lucky to be ranked as one of the highest countries for our healthcare system. Programs like Medicare and Private Health insurance companies allow Australians to achieve top level health care daily. This is not always the case for other countries, and this is where we focus on Sustainable Development Goals. These are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". Some of these goals include:

- *Goal 1: No poverty*
- *Goal 4: Quality Education*
- *Goal 6. Clean Water and Sanitation*
- *Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy*
- *Goal 13: Climate Action*

In 2020, Australia's overall performance in the SDG Index is ranked 37th out of 166 countries (down from 18th out of 34 countries in 2015). This is a clear indicator that while we may exceed in education and health care, we still need to do a lot more to help with the health of not only our own country but the entire planet.

Chloe Tabone – Global Health & Development Teacher

Elite Sport Applications 2023

Elite sport applications for 2023 are now open and will be due to Mr Durham by **Friday 5 August**. Application forms can be found on the Schoolbox news item posted last week. Elite Sport is a practically based semester subject aimed at students participating in high level sport. Elite sport is a selection-based subject, and all applicants must complete a compulsory application form, two testing afternoons held at BMG Maddingley Campus and a coaches reference to be considered for selection.

1. Testing Afternoon # 1 - Thursday 18 August
2. Testing Afternoon # 2 - Wednesday 24 August

Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Joanne Joseph** of 9J on her recent outstanding performances in squash. In the last 4 weeks Joanne has won her division in all three of the following state titles:

- Winner - Under 15 Girls Squash Queensland Junior Championships
- Winner - Under 15 Girls South Australian Junior Championships
- Winner - Under 17 Girls South Australian Junior Championships
- Winner - U15 Victorian Junior Championships

Joanne is currently the No 1 ranked player in Victoria and No 2 in the overall national Australian U15 Junior girl's rankings. Joanne has also been selected to represent Victoria in the teams event at the National Australian Junior Championships held in September.

Congratulations to **Roman Filipovic** of 7I Roman for his recent selection in the SSV 12U Team Vic Tennis Team. Roman attended state trials last week and impressed selectors to be recognised with a position on the team. He will now represent the state in the upcoming School Sport Australia Championship in Canberra at the end of October.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health



Woodlea Year 6 – Staughton Vale

Year 6 Woodlea students attended our Staughton Vale campus on Monday 18 July. The aim of the activities was to develop the students' communication skills. This required them to be confident in voicing their opinion and ensuring they were addressing and helping each other in a respectful manner. We hope that students enjoyed the experience and are developing different ways of communicating with new people to achieve a common goal.

The staff commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic the students were on the day and a big thank you to all those involved in ensuring the smooth running of this event.

Year 6 students will have the opportunity to be involved in another Staughton Vale day in August.

Ms Elese Demarchi



Reminder – ICAS Assessments



To register for ICAS Assessments for Mathematics, Science and English, please access the relevant link and access code via [Schoolbox](#).

Please note that the closing date to register is **Monday 1 August**.

Sitting dates are as follows:

- **ENGLISH:** Saturday 13 August 2022
- **SCIENCE:** Saturday 20 August 2022
- **MATHEMATICS:** Saturday 27 August 2022

Registered students will be able to sit their subject assessment at either Maddingley or Woodlea campus on the allocated Saturday for that subject, with sessions available at 9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am. Assessments run for 1 hour. Registered students will be contacted to ascertain which campus and session time they nominate.

Mrs Casey Ryder

Bus Information

Mask Wearing on Buses

Under the Public Safety Act, masks must be worn by all students travelling on a commercial passenger vehicle (buses) for ages 8 and above, unless the student has a medical exception. This applies to travel to and from school, excursions and camps. Passengers 8 years and under do not require to wear a mask but is highly recommended.

Authorised Officers are in enforce around Metropolitan and Regional areas issuing fines to Private and Public Operated buses for anyone not wearing a mask.

Seat Belt Wearing on Buses

Seat belts are fitted to buses and it is the law in Victoria to wear seat belts where fitted. If any students are found not to be wearing their seat belt, they will be dealt with according to the behavioural management steps in the Student Bus Travel Code of Conduct.

Student ID Cards

A reminder ALL students MUST carry their Student ID cards with them to and from School. Students who travel via private bus must use their Student ID Card to tap on/off the bus each morning and afternoon. Students who travel without their Student ID card will be sent to their Year Level Co-Coordinator. Students who do not have a student ID card are required to go to ICT to obtain a new card.

Student ID cards are now required for ALL students to tap on/off the bus when attending an excursion or camp.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

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

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

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School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Community News

Woodlea Campus - Melton City Council and Victoria Police - Term 3 School Crossing Blitz

In view of safety concerns with the return of school for Term 3, please be assured that Melton City Council in partnership with Victoria Police are addressing road safety surrounding school crossings. Council's Community Safety Officers as well as Victoria Police members are actively patrolling school areas during school zone times in keeping the community safe.

Below are links in Melton City Council website and Facebook page as well as Melton Police Eyewatch Page that you are encouraged to include in your newsletter to promote safety around the school, including the principles of Stop, Look, Listen, and Think.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0cktDc7z7xipp1QsfugRm91PPPuHCSJrb6HnJqqhhPs2AXvNrCLveXAcqvknKD4TUI&id=100064439093794

[Car parking \(melton.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/CarParking)

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Our younger residents have started Term 3 so 40 km/h speed zones are around schools between 8am and 9.30am in the morning and 2.30pm and 4pm in the afternoon. Please remember to stop for our School Crossing supervisors and drive and park safely at all times.
Find out more about school parking at: www.melton.vic.gov.au/CarParking



Eyewatch - Melton Police Service Area 14 July at 05:31 · 🌐

With the return of school for Term 3 Melton and Caroline Springs Police together with the Melton Highway Patrol will be running a weeklong operation targeting driver behaviour in and around school crossings and school zones across the response zone. This operation will also see the activation of Community Safety Officers from Melton City Council.

Police would like to remind all drivers that the bottom line is SAFETY. School zones are areas designated as high risk at certain times of the day and the Crossing Supervisor is there to ensure the roads are safely crossed by all pedestrians and the laws are in place to protect everyone.

Police will be adopting a zero-tolerance approach to any driving or behaviour that puts the safety of others at risk. Some of the infringement notices that can be issued are:

- Fail to stop and remain stationary at children's crossing
- Fail to stop at the stop line when a hand held stop sign is displayed, or a pedestrian is entering or on the crossing
- Proceed after stopping when the handheld stop sign is still displayed
- Proceed after stopping while a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing
- Pass stopped vehicle at children's crossing or pedestrian crossing

All of these offences carry a fine of \$454 and 3 demerit points.

Other breaches of Road Rules that will also be addressed are parking and stopping illegally. Some examples of the penalties are:

- Drive motor vehicle on a path, nature strip, traffic island or dividing strip – Penalty \$182
- Fail to obey traffic direction given by police officer or authorised person – Penalty \$363 & 3 demerit points
- Drive unlawfully in a bicycle lane – Penalty \$273
- Stopped contrary to a no parking sign – Penalty \$36
- Stopped on a nature strip – Penalty \$109

Police are looking at this operation from a safety perspective and all pedestrians and road users deserve to get to or from their destination in a safe manner.

Community News

A message from Moorabool Light Orchestra

The Moorabool Light Orchestra (MLO) is seeking new members to join the orchestra. We are looking for strings and trumpet players as well as percussion players. But anyone is welcome.

Currently we are rehearsing on Tuesday nights for our concert in August. Rehearsals are from 7.30pm-9.15pm here in Bacchus Marsh at the Baptist Church Hall in Holts Lane. You are welcome to come along and check out the orchestra and the music level.

If you have any questions, please email Michael Love at lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au - President of the MLO.

Tickets Now Selling!



**Sunday Afternoon
28 August 2022
Bacchus Marsh
Public Hall
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20
Tickets at Bacchus Marsh
Florist (185 Main Street)
Or online at Eventbrite.com**

**See our FaceBook site or
Webpage**

**Guest Conductor Sarah Barlow
Solo Guitarist Lachie Mansell
Featuring
Classical Gas from Tommy
Premiere of
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Pomp & Circumstance March
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