

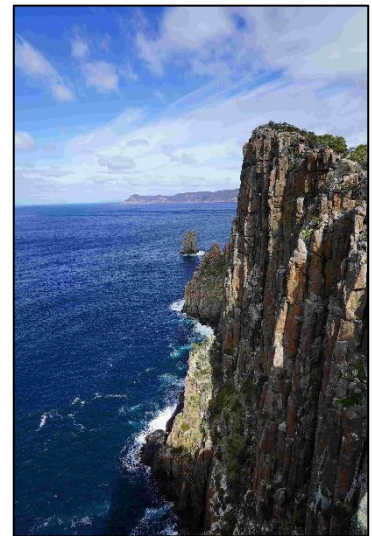
## The Podium

### The 3 Capes Expedition – Character through Adventure

This year as part of our Character Education Program the school launched a new and exciting club at Bacchus Marsh Grammar School Maddingley for Middle and Senior school students - The BMG Explorers Club. This club motivates students to contemplate exploration and adventure. It looks at explorers of the past and present and investigates what made their adventures so special, how they were able to complete them, and why they are so important for our society today. The Explorers Club teaches and lives its motto,

*“Character through Adventure”*

Last week 12 of its members, ranging from Year 7 to Year 12 and three staff, after many weeks of meetings, gear selection, training and logistics set off on the clubs first expedition, hiking the 3 Capes Track in Southern Tasmania. The expedition started with a flight down to Hobart and then a visit to the Mawson Hut Replica Museum. We were privileged to have Warwick Arnold, the oracle of “all things” Douglas Mawson addressing the students and providing them with so many Antarctic stories about this great Australian. From there the students had a trip to the top of Mt Wellington before they prepared their food, equipment and packs for the 4 day trek that awaited them. Starting the 3 Capes hike from Port Arthur the students were treated to absolutely spectacular scenery and challenging hiking through snow flurries, hail, wind, rain and sunshine, with the students not only exploring the wilderness but also many virtues and their own characters. The trek took in the amazing sites of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Houy and culminated in finishing at the pristine Fortescue Bay. I would like to thank Mr Johnston and Miss



Higgins for accompanying me and the students on this expedition and also Mr Neal for once again allowing our students to build their character. Excitingly we will begin an Explorers Club Chapter at Woodlea next year and continue the BMG Explorers Spirit. For new and interested members please feel free to contact Mr Perks and stay tuned to the Schoolbox newsfeed for meeting times.

**Mr Andrew Perks – Deputy Principal Culture and Character Education**

## Design and Technology Teachers' Association Conference

Congratulations to past student Ashleigh McGuire who will be one of the keynote speakers at the upcoming Design and Technology Teachers' Association (DATTAVic) Conference in December.

Ashleigh graduated in 2023 and her Product Design folio and 'Anti-Anxiety Hoodie' were selected to go on display at the Top Designs exhibition at the Melbourne Museum this year.

Top Designs is an annual display of outstanding VCE student work in Design related subjects from across the state. Ashleigh will be speaking to hundreds of teachers about how she approached her Product Design folio and how she designed a solution to the problem of increasing anxiety amongst young people.



**Ashleigh McGuire from Bacchus Marsh Grammar**, won the *Eckersley's prize for Human-Centred Design* for their VCE Product Design and Technology work *Anti-Anxiety Hoodie*.

**Ms Phillippa Loton – Head of Faculty: Design and Technology**

## Junior School

### Maddingley

Term 3 has seen a wonderful display of our Junior School students living out our school values. They have approached their learning with confidence and ambition, eagerly exploring new concepts and expanding their knowledge. Alongside their academic efforts, students have shown respect and kindness both in the schoolyard and when welcoming others into their classrooms. During school events, they have represented BMG with pride, discipline, and strong leadership.

Our recent Literacy Week was a true celebration of the students' love of reading and literature. As we head into the holiday break, we encourage all students to continue their learning by using the holiday reading pack which has been prepared to help them practise and reinforce the skills they have developed this term.

We wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back for the start of our final term in 2024.

**Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School Maddingley and Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School Woodlea**

### Maddingley

#### Prep

Despite the rain and cool breeze, the Preps had a fantastic day at Animal Land in Diggers Rest. Students expanded their knowledge beyond the classroom, immersing themselves in farm life and participating in a variety of hands-on farming experiences. They were excited to ride a pony and take a tractor tour of the farm. A highlight of the visit was cuddling adorable baby animals including goats, rabbits, chicks and guinea pigs. The students also had the opportunity to milk a cow, churn butter, and taste their creations. Additionally, they planted seeds to bring back to school and nurture.



Feeding ducks, goats and llamas added to the fun and made for a memorable experience! Students also took part in important farm duties, such as cleaning up animal waste, which gave them a firsthand understanding of the hard work involved in farm life. They learned that caring for a farm requires both dedication and effort.

**The Prep Team**



## Grade 1

Our Grade 1 students embarked on an exciting adventure to Werribee Zoo last week, and it was a day full of discovery and wonder! The highlight for many was the ride on the Safari Bus, where students got up close with majestic animals like giraffes, rhinos, zebras, and ostriches roaming freely in wide-open savannah-like habitats. As the bus rolled through the grasslands, students learned fascinating facts about each animal, sparking curiosity and excitement.

Students also enjoyed the Habitat Haven, an exploration of the Australian bush habitat. They learned about different animals, and in particular the wallaby and how they adapt to their environments. Students engaged in hands-on activities that connected classroom lessons with real-world experiences, making learning about animal habitats and conservation both fun and meaningful.

The excursion left students buzzing with excitement and eager to share their stories. It was a truly memorable day that deepened their appreciation for wildlife and the importance of preserving natural habitats!

**Mrs Narelle Bens – Head of Year 1**



## Woodlea

### Junior School Assembly

At the parent-attended Junior School Assembly in Week 9, staff, students and carers were treated to three spirited and joyful performances. Samridhi Chaudhuri performed 'Moonlight Sonata' by Ludwig Van Beethoven on the Piano, displaying beautiful technique and poise beyond her years. Ariana Sager, Nicola Papadopoulos, Ayva Huseyin and Kara Ghobros sang 'Shake it off' by Taylor Swift and presented some well-rehearsed and creative choreography.



Concluding the performances were the enigmatic Vedant Sharma, Luciana Grech and Gabriela Gallardo, also known as 'Triple 9', who performed the ever-popular 'Never Gonna Give You Up' by Rick Astley, with Vedant on vocals and Luciana and Gabriela providing dynamic back-up dancing.

As a busy term draws to a close, it is certainly lovely seeing smiling faces and a few tapping feet as we welcome a well-deserved rest!

**Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Music: Woodlea**

## Music



Term 3 has proven to be an exciting one for the Junior School Music Program at the Woodlea Campus, with students working to expand their music literacy and performance skills through singing, playing instruments, composing and performing.

The Prep students began by exploring dynamics (loud and soft) and finished the term learning about pitch and how to read beginning notes on a simplified staff. Singing was also an integral part of the Prep program.

**Year 1** students focused on beat and rhythm, expanding their knowledge through playing instruments, transferring sound to symbol through movement, and singing and composing/performing their own rhythmic pieces.

**Year 2** students continued to learn the violin, consolidating their open strings and bowing technique, and have begun working towards their performance for the Celebration Concert.

**Year 3** students have been listening to a wide variety of music, consolidating their music theory knowledge, singing, playing the chime bars and building their own recycled instruments.

**Year 4** students also entered the world of composition by collaboratively writing their own lyrics and music to set topics.

As we prepare for Term 4, the Junior School will continue to be very busy, getting ready for assembly performances, special occasions and our Celebration Concert at the end of the year.

**Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Music: Woodlea**

## Middle School

### Maddingley

#### National History Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's National History Challenge! This prestigious competition encourages students to be historians by researching and presenting on topics that explore our past, with this year's theme focusing on "Crisis and Response."

Our students put in an impressive effort, showcasing creativity, critical thinking and a deep understanding of historical events. Their hard work is a testament to their passion for learning and their commitment to excellence. I am proud to announce that the following students participated and were recognized for their outstanding achievements:



- Wildan Khan (8E): Young Historian Award – Green
- Alyssa Walton (9A): Young Historian Award – Bronze
- Manraj Singh (9F): Young Historian Award – Bronze
- KayuraThimmaraju (9H): Young Historian Award – Bronze

In addition to these results, two students have advanced to the national level of the competition. Their entries were ranked in the top three for the state and will now be evaluated at the national level where the Platinum, Gold and Silver awards for each category will be determined. They are:

- William Cusmano (8A)
- Samaira Venkat (9A)

Congratulations once again to all involved—your curiosity and engagement with history have truly shone through. Keep exploring the past and its impact!

**Mr Lyndon Pratt – Teacher**

## Woodlea

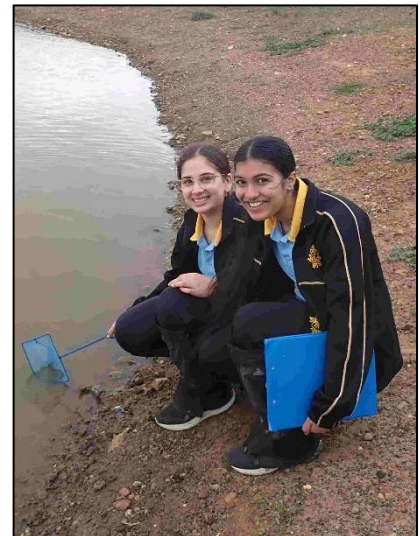
### Year 8 Learning from Landscapes at Staughton Vale

Year 8 students recently took part in a dynamic "Learning from Landscapes" day at Staughton Vale, with support from Parks Victoria, enriching their geographical understanding through hands-on activities. The day centred around orienteering, fieldwork and a critical thinking session on migratory birds.

The orienteering course tested the students' ability to navigate varied terrain using topographic maps and compasses, thereby improving their mapping skills and spatial awareness. BMG staff guided students, sharing insights on reading landscapes and interpreting natural features.

At the dam, students conducted fieldwork to investigate the link between biodiversity and water quality. By sampling aquatic organisms and analysing water conditions, they gained firsthand understanding of how ecosystem health relies on clean water, with guidance from Parks Victoria's environmental experts.

The day concluded with a critical thinking session on migratory birds in Australia. Students examined the threats these birds face, such as habitat loss and climate change, which sparked meaningful discussions on conservation.



**Stacey-Lee Viljoen – Head of the Duke of Edinburgh Program**



## Physical Education, Health and Sport News

### ICCES Summer Tour

Following on from our success at the ICCES Winter Tour, please see Schoolbox for the official Team Selections for the 2024 ICCES Summer Tour.

Congratulations to all students who have been selected to represent BMG. EdSmart permissions have been sent out to Parents/Guardians with more information about the event.

A student meeting will occur at both Campuses in Week 1 of Term 4. Please keep an eye out on Schoolbox for the timing of these meetings. Emergency students are permitted to attend the meeting but please note that your attendance at the Summer Tour depends on other students pulling out.

If there are any issues or questions regarding team selection, please reach out to your relevant coach.



Mr Matt Harris – Administrative Assistant PE and Health

### Ultimate Frisbee State Championship

On Tuesday 17 September, BMG competed in the Victorian Ultimate Frisbee State Championships, with three senior teams representing the school.

The Boys B team earned a fantastic 3rd place finish in Division 2, while the Boys A team received the Spirit of the Game award for their sportsmanship, finishing 8th in Division 1. The Girls A team performed well, securing 5th place in Division 1.

#### Final Placements:

Girls A Team: 5th place in Division 1

Boys A Team: 8th place in Division 1, Spirit of the Game award

Boys B Team: 3rd place in Division 2

Special thanks to coaches Mr Tony Castrignano, Mrs Nicole Garner, and Mr Trent Oldaker for their coaching and work with the students.



Mr Matt Harris – Administration PE & Health

### STEM Showcase Winners

Thank you to all students who presented projects at the STEM Showcase this year! The impressive array of projects was a testament to all the students' hard work and enthusiasm for science.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the STEM showcase.

#### Junior School Winners:

Maddingley Prep: Dhriti Pathak

Woodlea Prep: Ishaan Menghani

Maddingley Year 1: Anay Shah

Woodlea Year 1: Tejas Vihari Konda

Maddingley Year 2: Arnon Paul

Woodlea Year 2: Jiyaan Joshi

Maddingley Year 3: Rithun Lakshmenayahy Kalaiarason

Woodlea Year 3: Myra Mukul and Alina Chopra

Maddingley Year 4: Rnvir Singh Attwal

Woodlea Year 4: Aarohan Bhuyan

**Middle School Winners:**

Years 5/6 1st: Aneli Peiris

Years 5/6 2nd: Reyan Handa

Years 5/6 3rd: Omika Katyayani Akella

Years 7/8 1st: Twisha Malhotra

Years 7/8 2nd: Maddie De Vera

Years 7/8 3rd: Aadi Malhotra

**Senior School Winner:**

1st: Surya Sureshkumar

**Miss Sarah Thompson – Head of Science: Maddingley and Mr Ben Northcott – Head of Science: Woodlea**

## Woodlea Literacy Week Winners

This year's Literacy Week theme was Reading is Magic and the students at Woodlea were provided with several opportunities to engage in the magic of reading. The week saw staff dress up as characters from Harry Potter, their childhood favourite characters, Where's Wally? as well as many magnificent costumes on the whole-school dress up day on Thursday 29 August.

Students were able to participate in a variety of literacy activities including a literacy-themed escape room which was a popular choice for students in Years 5 – 9 who worked in teams to metaphorically escape. Students were also able to participate in a literacy-themed quiz and join in the Woodlea Book Club. The highlight of the week of activities was the Where's Wally? Scavenger Hunt where enthusiastic staff were hiding around the campus waiting to be found. It was amazing to see so many students engaged, and even our Junior School students joined in and counted the number of Wallys out and about.

In addition, all Woodlea students were invited to redesign the front cover of their favourite book or create an original art piece of their favourite book character. We had a number of entrants, and the winners were announced at the Junior School and Middle/Senior School assemblies. Congratulations to the following winners and honourable mentions:

**WINNER**

Mira Nellore – PWA

Rozana Faerie Chowdhury - 1WD

**HONOURABLE MENTION**

Johann Jake Tiro Montoya - PWD

Azeez Virk - 1WC



Jeshan Jayasinghe - 2WA

Charlee Smith-Hayes - 3WA

Dhanush Chokshi - 4WB

Adhrit Gandra – 5WA

Amaaya Sawhney – 6WA

Dhiyaa Jeganathan – 7WD

Krish Patel – 8WE

Muskaan Mann – 9WE

Viara Shah - 2WD

Myra Mukul - 3WA

Luciana Grech - 4WD

Andrea Fernando – 5WC

Krishna Pedapati – 6WB

Simrit Kaur Basra – 7WB

Kushpreet Kaur – 9WB

We are fortunate that we already have a strong focus on literacy at BMG, but the week saw staff and students sharing conversations around reading, including themed activities in the classrooms and discussions around favourite books and characters. Well done to everyone for your involvement in sharing your literary passions in a variety of ways.

**Mrs Melissa Dunat – Head of Year 7: Woodlea**

## Music News

### Moana – Woodlea Production tickets on sale!

Tickets are selling fast for Moana.

Join us as Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea Campus presents the wonderful journey of Moana.

Enthusiastic Year 5 – 10 students become the village, ocean and ancestors as they tell the story of Moana finding the Heart of TeFiti and bringing life back to her community.

It is a show full of wonderful songs, movement and spirit.

Tickets from <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bmg-moana-jr/>



**Ms Jo Porch - Director of Performing Arts**

## Co-Curricular

### Chess Enrichment

On the morning of Tuesday 10 September, the Maddingley Year 3-4 Chess Enrichment group set out on an excursion to the Woodlea Campus for the Chess Competition.

The competition was held in the Woodlea Campus gymnasium rows of tables set up neatly with chessboards waiting to be played on. The first round came, and we went to our assigned tables and sides of the chessboards. We sat down at the tables and started the timer,







which had 15 minutes for each player. We played our allocated matches. We won some, we lost some, and we stalemated some. After each match, we could eat our food and check out the scores. When all the matches were concluded, the staff announced the awards and the top 3 schools. Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley was placed third.

It was a great learning experience, and we are already looking forward to participating in the next chess tournament.

**Mr Nick Sher – Teacher**

## **Congratulations to our newest leaders at BMG – The Staughton Vale Leaders**

The future of Staughton Vale is in good hands, after the successful appointment of a number of Year 10 ambassadors from both the Woodlea and Maddingley Campus.

The new Ambassadors will be involved in a number of initiatives including, horticultural, environmental, and conservation/biodiversity themes. With information and articles being shared at assemblies, the school newsletter, and more, the Ambassadors will have a big impact upon the future successes of the Staughton Vale Campus.

The Staughton Vale Ambassadors for 2024 are:

### **Maddingley**

Anna Seymour  
Bella Griffiths  
Ruby Gorton  
Kaitlyn Odgers

### **Woodlea**

Tharul Abeyratne  
Yaismeen Gill  
Naisha Guraja  
Ajneya Jain  
Tehmina Jazeel Nijamudeen  
Kushpreet Kaur  
Tanish Krishna  
Sonova Lawson  
Saketh Morusupalli  
Surya Sureshkumar

## **Health Centre**

### **Spring has sprung**

A friendly reminder that, with the start of Spring, comes the arrival of Hayfever/Allergic Rhinitis season.

Please commence the daily routine of getting your child to take anti histamines on school mornings so they can get through their school day symptom-free.

Daily antihistamine can be taken either every morning OR every night time, with your child waking with medication already working in their system and not being forgotten when heading out the door for the bus or getting in the car.

Any concerns around this please contact the Health Centre or use the link to update your understanding of [Hayfever Allergic Rhinitis \(hayfever\) - Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia](#)

## School policy for students with Anaphylaxis

Friendly reminder: If your child has been diagnosed with Anaphylaxis by a doctor, it is crucial for the safety of your child that the BMG Health Centre is notified if you have not done so already.

Please [click here](#) to view the BMG Allergies and Anaphylaxis Policy and Procedures with particular focus on marker 3.4 explaining the role of the Parent/ Carer.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Health Centre on [healthcentre@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:healthcentre@bmg.vic.edu.au) or, alternatively, call 5366 4800 (Maddingley) or 5366 4900 and request to be forwarded to the Health Centre.

School Nurse Team

## Library News

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### Woodlea Book Fair

Thank you to our Woodlea families for so enthusiastically supporting our Book Fair again this year.

Online orders for Woodlea closed on Sunday 15 September and have been submitted to Scholastic. Students will receive their orders, which will be delivered to their classrooms, early in Term 4.

Mrs Diane Dunn – Maddingley Book Fair Coordinator and Mrs Feona West – Woodlea Book Fair Coordinator

## Administration

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### Withdrawal of Students

A reminder to parents that, as per the [2024 Business Notice](#) (6.1.2), parents/guardians must provide at least one term's notice in writing to the Principal before they withdraw students from the School. If a student is not returning for Term 1 2025, parents/guardians must advise the Principal, in writing, prior to the commencement of Term 4 2024. Note for students enrolled in Year 6 for Year 7 2025, the notice period required is a minimum of two terms. [Refer [Conditions of Enrolment](#)].

Failure to provide the appropriate notification will result in the parents/guardians being billed an Administrative Fee, which will be \$750 for a Primary School student and \$1,000 for a Secondary School student. [Refer [Conditions of Enrolment](#)].

Mrs Michelle Graham – Director of Administration

### School Policies

The following School policies have been updated and are available to view from the School Policies tile in Schoolbox:

Student Attendance Policy and Procedure – Parents / guardians are reminded to please ensure they notify the School if their child will be absent

Please contact Kerryn Browne should you have any questions.

Kerryn Browne – Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager



Visual Art and Technology faculties are proud to present

A wonderful collection of works by our creative and innovative Art, Computing, Media, Product Design, Systems Engineering and Visual Communication Design students.

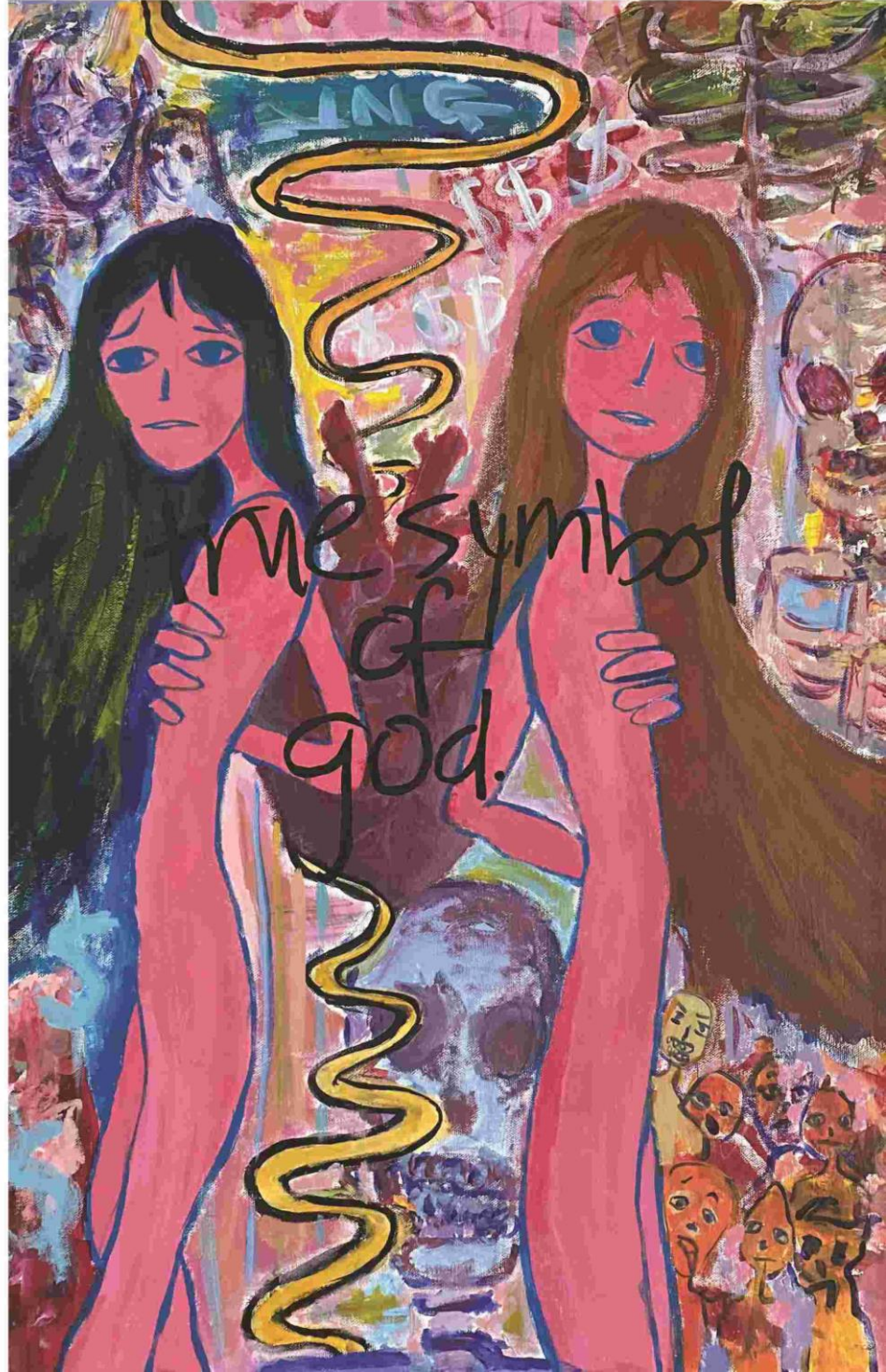
Opening night: Wednesday 16th October  
3:30 - 6:30pm Lou Callow Gallery

Exhibition closes: Monday 28th October

Music and refreshments provided by our talented  
Music and Hospitality students during the opening.

SHOWCASE  
VCE 2024

Krishna Mahinay *True Symbol Of God*, 508 x 762mm, Acrylic Paint on canvas



## Woodlea Early Learning Centre

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Expressions of Interest for 2026 4-year-old and 3-year-old Long Day integrated funded Kindergarten program **will close shortly due to the high demand.**

If any current families are interested in registering their child for our 2026 Kindergarten programs, [please visit our website here to obtain the registration form](#) and email it to the Early Learning Centre.

Please note that you must also complete a Prep Registration of Interest prior to submitting the ELC form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Early Learning Services, Kerry Osborn, on 5366 4999.

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

## Bus and Transport Updates

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### PRIVATE BUS TRAVEL 2025

We are currently rolling over students from 2024 private bus travel to 2025 private bus travel.

If your child/ren's current bus travel arrangements are going to change, or require to be changed, (eg you are moving house or no longer requiring private bus travel) for 2025, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email [bus@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au) to discuss your changes. If your child/ren will not require a private bus service in 2025, and parents do not advise us, your child/ren will be allocated to a private bus and fees will apply.

### ALLOCATED ROLL CALL STOPS

If you have changed your child/ren's stop that they board or disembark as a permanent change, and have not notified the school, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email [bus@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au). This information needs to be up to date on roll call for emergency services and will assist in the planning for 2025 routes/timetables.

### COUNTRY BUS TRAVEL 2025 – MADDINGLEY CAMPUS

Applications for Permission to Travel forms have been sent to families via Edsmart notification to parents for children who are eligible to travel on a country bus to Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley Campus in 2025. Application forms were due back by Friday 6 September 2024. Forms are now overdue and could result in your child/ren being removed from the country bus service in 2025. Please email your form to [bus@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au).

### YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS

Year 12 Trial Exams are taking place on Monday 7 October 2024. Please note that there will be no buses available on this day. Students will need to make their own way to and from school.

**Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator**

## 2024 & 2025 Term Dates

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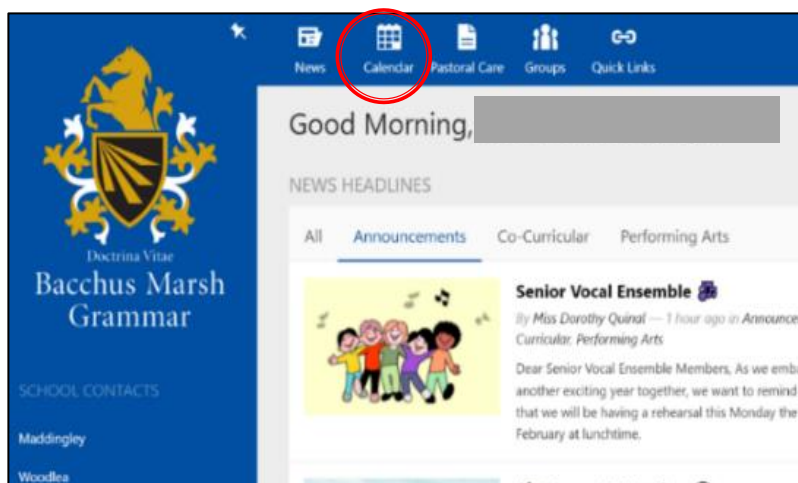
Both the 2024 and 2025 Term Dates are published on the [school's website](#).



## Events Calendar

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All upcoming events feature on the Schoolbox Calendar for both students and parents/guardians to view.



## Uniform Shop

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Uniform information and shop business hours for both the Maddingley Campus Onsite Shop and Rushfords in Werribee are listed on the [school's website](#).

Please note that uniforms can also be purchased online via <https://www.noone.com.au/>.

The on-campus uniform shop will be closed for the first week of school holidays and reopen in the second week of school holidays with the below hours:

Monday 30 September	10.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 2 October	10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 4 October	10.00am – 2.00pm

## Health Centre

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### New Contact Method for Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centre

We would like to inform all parents that the Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centres have transitioned to using mobile phones as the primary means of communication with parents. This change is intended to streamline and improve the efficiency of our communication.

#### Contact Information:

**Maddingley Health Centre Mobile Number:** 0409 660 290

**Woodlea Health Centre Mobile Number:** 0448 281 290

Please save these numbers in your contacts to ensure you can easily recognise calls from the health centres.

Families can still reach the Health Centre through Reception if they wish to do so.

We encourage all parents to update their contact lists and ensure that these numbers are accessible. This change aims to provide a more direct and prompt communication channel between the Health Centre and parents. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Health Centre Team**

## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – The Y Ballarat

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The Y Ballarat operates the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

**Email:** [chrisie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au](mailto:chrisie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au) Phone: 0490 178 638 W: <https://yballarat.org.au/>

**Maddingley:**  
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0438 154 842

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