

The Podium

2024 saw an exciting year of Character Education in line with the Aristotelian based concept of “good sense” or “practical wisdom” (phronesis) at Bacchus Marsh Grammar School.

This approach to the implementation of Character Education at BMG is grounded in the Character Education model as developed by the Jubilee Centre, Birmingham University, as well as BMG’s own research-based character initiative.

Over the last 12 months, the emphasis has been on character caught, with the Junior, Middle and Senior schools doing a fantastic job in increasing the students’ Virtue Literacy at assemblies, news feeds, newsletters and school assemblies.

As well as character caught, there has been an introduction to a character taught approach in the Junior School, within their structured wellness program; the Middle school, through workshop Wednesdays; the Health curriculum for Years 5-8, and the Inspire Program at Years 9 and 10. The establishment of Virtue Literacy within BMG is the first stage in building Virtue Knowledge which will then lead to Virtue Reasoning and informed Virtue Practice.

Finally, this year also saw the implementation of the BMG Character Education Framework, a proposed Character Education School Policy, the exciting establishment of a Character Education Institute and the involvement in a Character Education Coalition with Scotch College, Melbourne, Kings School, Sydney and Hutchins School, Hobart. Schools are increasingly exploring Character Education as an overarching framework that encapsulates their agreed upon values and provides a focus for students and the school communities development. Inherent in the concept of education is the desire to produce young people who will flourish in life. Bacchus Marsh Grammar, a school of character.



Mr Andrew Perks - Deputy Principal Culture and Character Education

2025 Leaders Announced

Woodlea

We are thrilled to announce the Student Leader Team for 2025 at Woodlea. These groups of students have been selected for their exceptional leadership qualities, dedication to our school values and commitment to making a positive impact within our community.

Our Student Leaders play a vital role in representing the voice of their peers, fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment and leading initiatives that inspire growth and connection across all year levels.

Throughout the year, the Student Leaders will work collaboratively with staff and fellow students to organise events, promote school spirit and uphold the values of Bacchus Marsh Grammar. They will also have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills through special programs and regular meetings with staff.

Woodlea Year 4 Captains 2025

Mia Sankar
Myra Mukul
Arjun Ashok
Bella Monsanto
Srishti Poduri
Alkavir Mand
Deetya Gogoi
Bryan Arora
Charlee Smith-Hayes
Samriddhi Chaudhuri
Riona Patel

Woodlea Year 4 Leaders 2025

Aadvik Jaganath
Sanvika Dahiya
Azura Bahaduri
Gauri Gupta
Ellana Lagutin
Sophie Proudfoot
Ramin Adambarage
Keya Amin
Yenuka Jayatilleke
Harjughar Singh
Japleen Kaur Ghuman

Woodlea Year 4 House Leaders 2025

Djerriwarrh Taj Khangura
Lerderderg Abhir Singh
Pykes Ishaan Ivaturi
Parwan Mia Hussein
Kororoit Kanis Purohit
Dale Rivaan Kansara
Toolern Harper Turner
Pyrites Himmat Singh Sekhon

Woodlea Year 6 Service Leaders

Performing Arts Leaders	Neel Mukund and Saveer Randhawa
Visual Arts Leaders	Janella Montoya and Parini Modi
Wellbeing Leaders	Lathika Unnikrishnan and Ishka Nayak
SRC Leaders	Yana Pandya and Asrat Kaur
STEM Leaders	Hayley Patel and Arjun Vashishta
Literacy & Languages Leaders	Amyra Aulakh, Sathvika Saikumar and Shanaya Yadav
Sport Leaders	Viraaj Sohi and Amitazveer Singh
Community Service Leaders	Chandani Karki and Sanvi Gunukula
Environment Leaders	Shanaya Bhagwani and Anish Gupta
Student Engagement Leaders	Sajjal Dhillon and Carla Sullivan
Dale House	Nuv Mehta
Djerriwarrh House	Zeel Trivedi
Kororoit House	Samuel Proudfoot

Lerderderg House	Krishang Chethireddy
Parwan House	Niyamat Randhawa
Pykes House	Jenisha Bansal
Pyrites House	Shanaya Bathla
Toolern House	Vishwa Karthik

Woodlea Year 8 Service Leaders	
Middle School Captains	Kosheen Pardes, Ellie Castillo, Virraaj Jain and Samarah Hussein
Middle School Vice-Captains	Samaira Walia and Nishant Servai
Academic Captains	Aadrika Choudhary and Eva Purewal
Literacy Captain	Grace Virk
STEM Captain	Sapphire Patel
Performing Arts Captain	Mackenzie Sharp
Visual Arts Captain	Sarika Saha
SRC Captains	Amber Screen and Noah Dimitrievski
Wellbeing Captains	Navdeesh Bains and Aashi Nair
Community Service Captains	Aditi Menon and Sri Muduthanapally
Environment Captains	Simrit Basra and Dhanush Ponnaluru
Student Engagement Captains	Dhiyaa Jeganathan and Pearl Thukral
Sport Captains	Gurmehar Mahar and Hrishaan Upneja
Dale House	Guneet Chauhan
Djerriwarrh House	Abhijot Sandhu
Kororoit House	Imaanpreet Toor
Lerderderg House	Aidan Sebastian
Parwan House	Heer Patel
Pykes House	Aarya Mahida
Pyrites House	Annanya Poswal
Toolern House	Ruhaan Birring

Woodlea Year 10 Service Leaders	
Senior School Captains	Surya Sureshkumar, Tanish Krishna, Tehmina Jazeel and Amica Makkar
Academic Captains	Yashita Garg and Nehchal Bhullar
Literacy Captains	Nabihah Syeda and Gorkirat Kaur Mann

Languages Captain	Haylie Witt
STEM Captains	Areeba Azam and Zaid Khader
Performing & Visual Arts Captain	Tharul Abeyratne
Visual Arts Captains	Vaishnavi Poduri, Summer Lau and Heer Singh
SRC Captains	Yaismeen Gill and Naisha Guraja
Wellbeing Captains	Muskaan Mann and Sheeza Riaz
Community Service Captains	Arpan Bhangu and Jashman Brar
Environment Captains	Jade Thomas and Dhruv Bhasin
Co-curricular Captains	Ayaan Ahmed and Hasani Sriganesh
Sport Captains	Abby Pellow and Ajneya Jain
Dale House	Alisha Sehdev
Djerriwarrh House	Ansh Bansal
Kororoit House	Jessy Binopal
Lerderderg House	Niraj Prakash
Parwan House	Elnathan Ayele
Pykes House	Tiger Castillo
Pyrites House	Kushpreet Kaur
Toolern House	Saketh Morusupalli

Maddingley

We are excited to announce the Junior and Middle School Leadership Teams for 2025.

Maddingley Year 6 Leaders	
Languages and Culture Leaders	Jai Katariya and Zahra Chandurwla
Literacy Leaders	Rishm Judge and Harvi Matheti
STEM Leaders	Robinson Duan and Omika Akella
SRC Leaders	Noor Gill and Molly Closter
Performing Arts Leaders	Viraj Singh and Mysha Kundra
Wellbeing Leaders	Grace Cashmere and Opie Spalding
Co-Curricular Leader	Viraj Kumar and Ashish Nattamai Gopinath
Environment Leader	Isabella Cochrane and Tahlia Buntine
Visual Arts Leader	Isabella Gent
Dale House	Lazarus Singh
Djerriwarrh House	Saanvi Gundanraj

Kororoit House	Reyan Handa
Lerderderg House	Chace Hildebrand-Brown
Parwan House	Lucy Collins
Pykes House	Harry Holland
Pyrites House	Aira Sharma
Toolern House	Ella Soley

Maddingley Year 8 Leaders	
Middle School Captains	Palaash Kalkotwar and Shej Somal
Middle School Vice-Captains	Aadi Malhotra and Kenisha Govani
Languages and Culture Leaders	Ryan Bansal and Kayla Sadlo
Literacy Leaders	Lewis Guglielmino and Aashi Darek
STEM Leaders	Luke Woodgate and Arjun Kallapalle
SRC Leaders	Anvita Mirajkar and Ayansh Agrawal
Performing Arts Leaders	Conner Nash (Drama), Kayla Patamisi (Dance), Ashmeen Chahal (Music)
Wellbeing Leaders	Shayaan Syed and Rohan Khanna
Co-Curricular Leaders	Neev Agrawal and Hriday Koka
Environment Leader	Bria Allan and Lillian Roberts
Visual Arts Leader	Anna DeWit
Community Service Leaders	Vivaan Ogale and Rishva Sagane
Dale House	Ruby Stevenson
Djerriwarrh House	Lucas Pante
Kororoit House	Anandjot Singh
Lerderderg House	Anaahat Kaur
Parwan House	Archit Rajesh
Pykes House	Gurbani Nehal
Pyrites House	Soham Das
Toolern House	Aishu Prabakaran

Woodlea Visual Arts Showcase

On Thursday 28 November, we hosted the inaugural Visual Arts Showcase at the Woodlea Campus. The event was a success with an incredible turnout by our school community. This event celebrated the outstanding creativity of students from Prep to Year 9, featuring an impressive range of artworks across year levels. The showcase also included

pieces from our Year 9 electives: Photography, Visual Communication Design, Studio Processes and Media Studies, alongside the Royal Melbourne Show entries which further highlighted the remarkable talent within our school.

I'd like to extend thanks to our dedicated Arts staff: Lucinda Degiorgio, Alison Thompson, Angela Ryder, Zoe McKay, Ruth Marnie and Nicole Heywood, who were instrumental in bringing this event to life. A special thank you also goes to Alanna Kappler for working with the Hospitality students to serve delicious mocktails, and to the staff and students who gave their time to assist with the setting up and running of the event. Your support made this first-ever showcase a truly memorable celebration of the Visual Arts at Woodlea.



Photos from this event will be available on Schoolbox next week.

Mr Anthony Cunsulo - Head of Faculty: Visual Arts: Woodlea

Junior School

As we conclude another academic year, we extend our warmest wishes to all families for a joyous holiday season and a well-deserved break. May this time bring you happiness, safety and good health, along with memorable moments of relaxation and joy.

This year, it has been a privilege to witness our Junior School students actively participating in a wide range of activities - both within and beyond the classroom. While academic achievements remain a cornerstone of our school, we are equally proud to provide experiences that foster character development, celebrate individuality, and support the unique abilities of every child.

Congratulations to all our students on their outstanding efforts and achievements throughout 2024. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and positive representation of themselves, their families and our school community have been truly inspiring. They should take immense pride in their accomplishments.

To those students moving on to new chapters in their education, we wish you every success in your future endeavours. May the friendships and memories formed at Bacchus Marsh Grammar remain with you for years to come.

Semester Two reports will be shared with families shortly. We encourage you to review the covering pages for valuable insights into the report format and to take time to discuss your child's achievements, challenges and goals for the future.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome back our Year 1 to Year 4 students on Friday 31 January 2025, and our Prep students on Monday 3 February 2025, as we begin a new school year filled with exciting learning opportunities and meaningful experiences.

Wishing you a safe, restful and joyful holiday season. We look forward to another successful year ahead in 2025!

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

Maddingley

Junior School Assembly and Year 4 Graduation

The Junior School Assembly and Year 4 Graduation was a heart-warming celebration of achievements and milestones. Students showcased their talents with exceptional performances and speeches that highlighted their growth and creativity. These presentations not only reflected the hard work of the students, but also the dedication of their teachers and mentors.

The Year 4 students received graduation teddy bears; a meaningful keepsake to commemorate the students' journey through Junior School. With many parents in attendance, the John Lever Gym was filled with pride and support as they watched their children take this significant step forward.

We would like to thank everyone who attended this special celebration and we wish our Year 4 graduates all the best for their Middle School journey.

More photos of this event will be on Schoolbox next week.

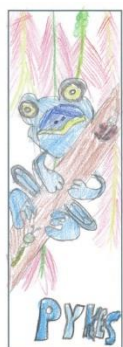


Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School

Junior School House Bookmark Competition Winners

Students across Year Prep to Year Four showcased their creativity and school spirit by designing bookmarks inspired by their House flora, fauna and colours. The winning designs will be printed and given to students in their corresponding Houses in 2025, celebrating the artistic achievements of our students and their dedication to their houses.

Well done to everyone who participated – your designs were truly inspiring! Congratulations to the talented winners of the Junior School House Bookmark Competition!



Siya 2C
PYKES



Gurfateh 4B
DALE



Amaya PrepC
DALE



Baani 1E
PARWAN



Georgi 4C
PARWAN



Zira 1D
KOROROIT



Sophie 4A
KOROROIT



Tommy 1E
PYRITES



Rnvir 4D
PYKES



Naishi 4D
TOOLERN



Alastair PrepD
LERDERDERG



Oliver 4A
DJERRIWARRH



Saatvik 2D
TOOLERN



Taty 2C
DJERRIWARRH



Samarth 4D
LERDERDERG



Aarush 3F
PYRITES

Miss Claire Dixon – Teacher and Mrs Sian Rawlinson - Deputy Head of Teaching and Learning Junior School

Woodlea

Junior School

On Tuesday 2 December, Woodlea Junior School held its final assembly for the year. The event was a celebration of achievements, with numerous performances, awards, and acknowledgments throughout the program.

Our Year 4 cohort delivered a beautiful rendition of the newly composed Sunflowers song, written especially for the occasion by Ms. Alison Thompson. This heartfelt performance was a fitting tribute to our Year 4 students as they transition into Middle School. Their efforts and accomplishments were commemorated with a special gift: a book from The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe series, which they had studied in class this year. We wish them all the very best as they carry the lessons and memories from Junior School into their new chapter in Middle School.

A symbolic handover ceremony added a special touch to the event, as the incoming Year 4 leadership team presented the outgoing leaders with sunflower seedlings.



The new leaders received sunflower seeds, representing the start of their leadership journey, while the outgoing leaders were gifted seedlings to symbolise the growth they had achieved throughout the year.

The assembly concluded with a gathering in the quadrangle for our annual Junior School picnic—a wonderful way to celebrate the successes and achievements of 2024.

More photos will be available on Schoolbox next week.



Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School

Year 3 Camp



What an incredible adventure our Year 3 students had at their recent camp to Lady Northcote! Over three action-packed days, the students embraced the opportunity to try new activities, challenge themselves, and create lifelong memories with their peers.

From yabbing to canoeing, archery, the thrilling giant swing, cooking and bike riding, there was never a dull moment. Each activity brought its own set of challenges, and it was heart-warming to see the students step out of their comfort zones with courage and determination. Whether it was mastering the art of paddling on the water, or taking the leap on the giant swing, their enthusiasm and resilience were truly inspiring.

The highlight of the camp was undoubtedly the twilight night games and the outdoor disco. The campgrounds came alive with laughter and music as the students danced under the stars and competed in friendly games that brought everyone together. It was a magical evening filled with joy.

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Congratulations to our Year 3s for an unforgettable camp experience! We are so proud of their achievements and can't wait to see how they bring the skills and confidence they've gained back to the classroom.



Mrs Aimee La Franchi –



Head of Year 3

Senior School

Year 10 INSPIRE Celebration

The INSPIRE program is a transformative two-year initiative designed to support students in their journey towards holistic development. It is comprised of programs delivered by BMG staff and includes Character Education, Career exploration and Study Smarter.

Throughout the INSPIRE program, students embark on a comprehensive exploration of essential life skills. Character Education forms a core component, fostering qualities such as resilience, leadership and integrity. The program is not only a roadmap for academic success, but a guide for personal growth and social responsibility.

Last Tuesday, The Year 10 INSPIRE Luncheon was held at the Melton Entertainment Park to celebrate the efforts and achievements of the Year 10 cohort.

Students boarded buses to the venue where they mingled before being seated for the entrée. The Inspire Awards presentation followed, celebrating the outstanding achievements of students within their Tutor Groups. Students enjoyed their main meal before being inspired by guest speaker and former student, Kieran McKenzie. Kieran shared his journey through VCE and into his current career as a lawyer, offering invaluable advice and encouragement to students to embrace their journey and make the most of their opportunities.

It was fantastic to see the strong relationships between the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses throughout the event, with one of the highlights of the day being the photo booth where students enjoyed taking pictures with their friends.



It was a wonderful celebration of accomplishments and a great way to end the year. We wish our Year 10 students the best of luck heading into VCE and their final years of schooling.



Mr Liam McMahon – Head of Year 10: Maddingley and Ms Elese Dimarchi – Head of Year 10: Woodlea

Sport News

Singapore International Netball Challenge

BMG took two teams to the 13th International Netball Challenge in Singapore, hosted by Singapore Sports School. Over the 10-day trip, the Black and Gold teams competed against teams from South Africa, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore. The competition was of a high standard and games were fiercely competitive. The students managed to adapt well to the different playing styles of the international teams and used tactical substitutions for the first time.

After the round robin competitions, BMG Gold was well-placed, finishing 2nd in their pool, whilst the BMG Black finished 5th in their pool. The BMG Black team competed well and improved in every single match they played, finishing in 10th place overall. BMG Gold unfortunately lost their quarter final to eventual 2nd place team BJSS. The Gold team played two final games on the Thursday, winning through to the 5th place match beating Singapore Sports School by 4 goals. The 5th place match against Malaysian team Lycan was a heated battle. BMG Gold came out firing leading the match at half time by 6 goals, however, Lycan rallied in the second half to take the game into extra time. BMG Gold kept their heads in what was a very physical match, with three suspensions occurring in the extra ten minutes alone, and eventually came out on top by 1 goal.



All students are to be congratulated on the way they carried themselves both on and off the court, representing the school brilliantly. Congratulations also go to Lily Normington (Gold) and Abby Pellow (Black) being awarded MVPs for their respective teams.

Beyond the tournament, the players embraced Singapore's vibrant culture, sampling local cuisine, adapting to the humid climate, and exploring iconic attractions such as Marina Bay, Singapore Zoo and Universal Studios on Sentosa Island. A big thank you to Min Li, tournament organiser from the Singapore Sports School for another exceptionally well-run tournament, and to our dedicated staff – Nicole Garner, Tanielle Brown, Narelle Pritchard, and Andrew Pate – for their incredible coaching, management and support during the trip. Well done to all involved – you've represented the school well and made BMG proud!

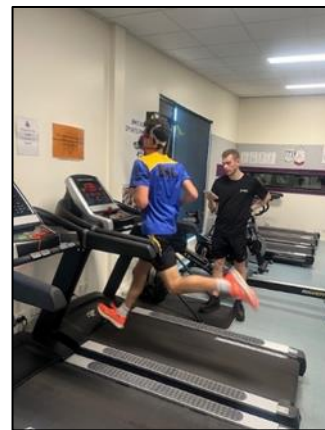


Mrs Nicole Garner – Teacher and Mr Bryce Durham – Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Vo2 Max Testing at Maddingley Campus

This week our VCE Physical Education and Elite Sport classes had the pleasure of experiencing a live VO₂ Max Test from Max Measurements. This valuable testing session offered students a firsthand experience of elite-level physiological assessment, enhancing their theoretical understanding of how to assess for aerobic power. The VO₂ max test is a gold-standard measure of an individual's aerobic power, assessing the maximum volume of oxygen the body can utilise during intense exercise.

For our VCE Physical Education students, this experience provided practical insights into the interplay of energy systems, cardiovascular fitness and training adaptations – key components of the VCE PE curriculum. Meanwhile, for our Elite Sport students, it served as an opportunity to gain deeper knowledge about performance optimisation. The testing was conducted using a portable VO₂ mask that gives a precise metabolic reading while the subject involved runs on a treadmill that progressively increases in intensity until maximal exhaustion.



The results were analysed on-site, providing immediate feedback on performance metrics, highlighting areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Many students were inspired by the experience, recognising its value in consolidating the theory in practice.

A special thank you to Alex and Michael from Max Measurements for their expertise and professionalism in delivering the VO₂ max testing to seven of our current BMG students.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Student Wellbeing

While school holidays bring a welcome break for many, the holidays can be an anxious, upsetting or stressful time for others. Some kids and young people miss the routine of school or get bored easily. [Kidshelpline](#) suggest there are signs of stress that you can be looking out for, as well as offering helpful tips to keep kids calm and happy over the holidays. To find out more, please visit kidshelpline <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/coping-family-holiday-stress>



Some young people may need additional support over the holiday period, particularly if they feel disconnected or are having difficulty managing the change in routine. [HeadSpace](#), a resource for people aged 12 to 25 years, offers tips for both [young people](#) and [family and friends](#) to help support and promote a healthy headspace. HeadSpace has produced a [resource](#) outlining six steps to help support your young person's mental health and wellbeing over the holidays, as well as information that may help you to identify when your young person might need some extra support, and where to go for help.

Christmas time and the holiday period can be a difficult time for those trying to navigate the celebrations and festivities. RUOK? offers a range of resources to assist those who may be struggling at this time. Please click on the link to find out more <https://www.ruok.org.au/holiday>

We hope that some of these resources support you and your family as you navigate the holiday period. We wish you all the very best for a healthy and safe summer holiday.



Student Wellbeing Team

Learning Support Intervention

Following a short trial in 2023 which yielded some pleasing results, the Learning Support team had the opportunity to implement a series of intervention groups across Middle School at both the Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses.

The first program chosen aimed at targeting students' reading and comprehension skills. A small group of students across Years 5-7 were invited to attend and complete the 65-lesson Corrective Reading program throughout the year. We would like to congratulate these students on their perseverance and achievements and wish them all the best on their reading journeys.

The second program implemented at Middle School was a short Numeracy program which focused on foundation skills such as addition and subtraction. A small group of Year 5 and 6 students were invited to take part in these lessons which involved a hands-on and visual approach to learning number facts. We would like to also congratulate these students on taking part in the program.

We look forward to further expanding the learning intervention programs we have on offer for our Middle School students in the coming year.

**Ms Lisa Degnen – Assistant Principal: Director of Learning Support and
Mrs Marija Barallon – Deputy Director of Learning Support**

Administration

2024 Yearbook

It is with excitement that we share with you our 2024 Yearbook. Over the course of this week, Yearbooks have been distributed to all Tutor Group classes across Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses.

If your child was away in the final week of term, they may collect their Yearbook next year from main reception. Year 12 students will receive their Yearbook in the post next year, along with their Graduation Book which is due for completion early next year.

All students are allocated one Yearbook each. If you require additional copies for any reason, please contact Jess Thorpe at thorpej@bmg.vic.edu.au. Please note that we will not be able to provide any additional copies until everyone receives a Yearbook.

Ms Jess Thorpe – Marketing and Communications

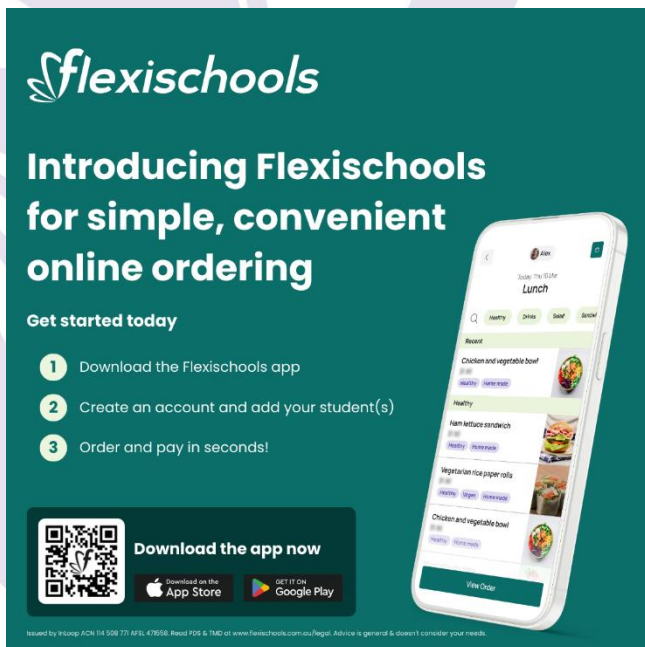
Flexischools and over-the counter payments via student cards

As of the first day of Term 1 2025, **we are moving from Qkr! to Flexischools** for student lunch orders and purchases in the school canteens.

Using the Flexischools App, parents will be able to pre-order meals online for their child. Senior School students will also be able to make over-the-counter canteen purchases using their student ID cards linked to their Flexischools account.

We invite parents to download the Flexischools app from the Apple or Google store and follow the prompts to create an account. You can download the App and find registration and online ordering instructions there.

Parents can also add access for their students to use the App, enabling students to place online orders themselves.



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- 2 Enter your email and hit submit to create an account
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (check spam if lost)
- 4 Follow the prompts to complete your registration, creating a password and adding your personal details
- 5 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under **"Profile"** > **"Students"** > **"Add new"** then hit **"Save"** once done.

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Last Day of Term 4 – Normal Dismissal Time

A reminder that the end of Term 4 is Friday 6 December with normal dismissal time. If your child is leaving early on this day, they must have a note in the diary which will be acknowledged by their classroom/TG teacher.

For the Maddingley Campus, please ensure that the sign out location of Reception or Gatehouse is stated in the diary note.

Administration Team

Rockbank Station Private Bus Shuttle to Woodlea Campus

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is pleased to offer a private shuttle service for students and staff between Rockbank Station and the Woodlea Campus for 2025.

The service runs twice daily in both the morning and afternoon on school days. The shuttle timetable is available on the school website.

To access the service, you will need a Flexischools account linked to your student or staff card. The fare for 2025 is \$2.50 per trip (one way). For more information, please visit the school website or contact the School Bus Services Administrator – Leanne Robertson.

School Policies and Documents

The following School policy has been updated and is available to view from the School Policies tile in Schoolbox:

Diabetes Management Policy – this policy has been reviewed and updated to provide guidance on the school's expectations for parents of children with type 1 diabetes who wish to participate in interstate or overseas trips.

Ms Kerry Brown – Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Co-Curricular

Maddingley Sunflower competition

Congratulations to Woodlea ELC for winning the inaugural BMG Sunflower competition.

Early in Term 4, numerous year levels received a Staughton Vale Sunflower seedling for students to take care of and monitor their growth over the weeks before the end of the academic year.

The final results can be seen below:

Classes	Height in cm
ELC	35
Prep A	28.5
Prep B	28
Prep C	26
Prep D	8
Prep E	28
1A	31
1B	25.5
1C	33.5
1D	31
1E	22

2A	33
2B	27.5
2C	23.5
2D	27
3A	29
3B	24
3C	27
3D	33
3E	26
3F	31.5
4A	28
4B	25
4C	27
4D	28
4 WOODLEA	34.5

With careful attention, the sunflowers grew over the period of the four week competition and were monitored by both the participating students in each class and the Year 10 Staughton Vale Ambassadors. It appears that there are a number of “Green Fingered” students at the school who will be able to apply their knowledge and interest in their visits to Staughton Vale over the coming years.

There will be more Horticultural opportunities at all three Campuses in 2025.



Mr David Gorton – Director of Student Engagement / Head of Staughton Vale Campus

Landcare Champion

Congratulations to Staughton Vale Project Officer – Kimone Stacey–Missen for being named a National Landcarer Champion.

As project officer, Kimone has worked tirelessly to create opportunities for students, across the three school campuses, to learn about sustainable land and environmental management practices. On any given day, Kimone coordinates an “army” of up to 250 students, creating meaningful connections between them and their campus.

Over the past three years, Kimone has forged strong connections with the Local Moorabool Landcare Network, driving the ongoing revegetation of the land. This includes restoring the property from a sheep farming focus to an extension of the biodiversity and revegetation presented by the adjacent Brisbane Ranges National Park.

To date, Kimone has overseen over 1,000 students who have planted over 3,000 grasses, shrubs and trees. By writing grants and administering programs, Kimone has been instrumental in receiving \$20,000 in funding to support the programs, whilst living and breathing sustainability and the environment as a cornerstone of her professional conversations.

One of the most recent developments on the campus has been the installation of the bush tucker and medicinal trails, allowing students to explore the campus with their teachers, industry professionals or even using the audio tours (the latest innovation).



HONOURING
Kimone Stacey-Missen

Mr David Gorton – Director of Student Engagement / Head of Staughton Vale Campus

Australian Space Design Competition

The Australian Space Design Competition (ASDC) is designed for secondary school students with a passion for space, or who are considering a future in STEM fields.

The BMG team of Aarash Amit Chakote and Hriday Koka responded to an NASA based engineering Request For Tender (RFT) featuring a futuristic space settlement which involved planning structural engineering, operations and infrastructure, personnel factors, automation and business development.

Aarash and Hriday were core members of the Astronomy Co-curricular Club and are likely to be one the first groups of students to use the BMG Observatory in 2025 when it comes online.

Well done to Aarash and Hriday on their Inter Stellar ambitions.



Mr David Gorton – Director of Student Engagement / Head of Staughton Vale Campus

Future Problem Solvers

A special mention for a member of the Future Problem Solvers team who stepped in when one of the other members, who was assigned to be present with the judges of the competition, could not be there.

Amyra Aulakh showed her bravery and exceptional can-do nature when she accepted the role of being one of the members for the interview with the Future Problem Solvers judges.

Although she did not have a lot of time to prepare, she still carried out her role exceptionally well. Amyra's unwavering commitment to supporting others and her ability to accept and overcome obstacles with poise make her an invaluable asset to any team.



Mrs Ann Adams – Teacher

Library

BMG has finished another stellar year of borrowing. We thank all the students who have returned their resources on time. Any outstanding books need to be returned promptly as they are now overdue.

Our most popular books in 2024 were:

Picture Story

1. The day the crayons quit
2. The thing that goes ping!
3. The dingle dangle jungle

Younger Readers Fiction Series

1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
2. The Treehouse Series
3. WeirDo

Older Readers Fiction Series

1. Percy Jackson
2. Harry Potter
3. Liars series

Graphic Novels

1. Sisters
2. The dragonet prophecy
3. Together forever



A reminder that our extensive collections of eBooks, AudioBooks and digital graphic novels are available over the holidays and can be accessed via the Library page on SchoolBox.

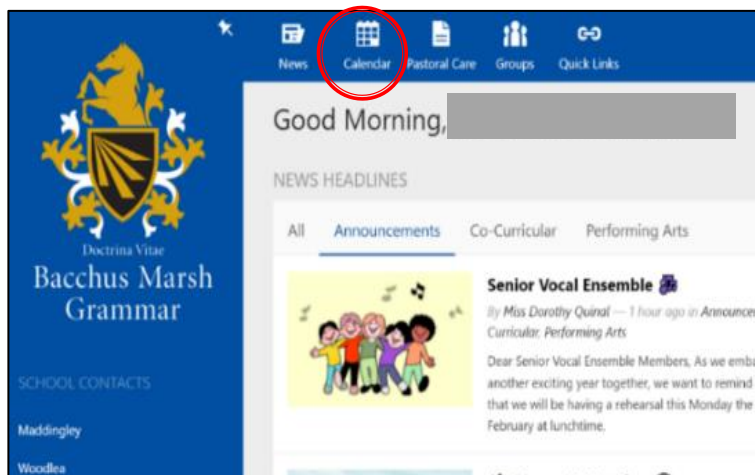
Ms Mali Jorm – Head of Library Services

2024 & 2025 Term Dates

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

Events Calendar

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



Uniform Shop

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/>.

Our Maddingley Campus store is now closed for the remainder of the year. Please view our website for January trading hours. Normal hours resume on Friday 31 January 2025.

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

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](#).

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Community News

Affordable Junior Memberships at Bacchus Marsh Golf Club Darley

Join today!

- Under 14s: Free
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