

## From the Principal

I would like to thank students and staff for their dedication and resilience through a challenging year, with a special thank you to our School Community for all their support.

I wish you all a safe, restful holiday break and look forward to a positive start to 2022.

### Woodlea Middle School Building Opening

The Senior Executive Team and Middle School Leaders were delighted to host Mr Cesar Melhem MP to formally open the Woodlea Middle School Building this week. This occasion had been planned for earlier in the year, however due to COVID this was not possible.

We thank the Victorian School Building Authority and State Government for principally funding this facility for our Middle School to thrive.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal



## Senior School News

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Although we were not physically on site for the beginning of this term, once we returned, we have been able to get back into the swing of school life. Students have managed to complete exams and assessment tasks that have demonstrated their hard work and efforts throughout the year. We have had two weeks of 'Head Start' in which students have been able to commence their 2022 classes, meet their new teachers and start to get to know the students who will be in their classes next year. We have also welcomed the Year 8 students from the Woodlea Campus to Maddingley who will commence with us here in 2022. In addition to this, the Senior School "Head Start" program has seen many new faces who will also be joining us next year. It was pleasing to see how welcoming and helpful our students have been to these students.

So, as a very long and challenging year finally draws to a close, I would like to wish our students and their families a restful and well-deserved break, and hopefully a chance to catch up with family and friends over the holiday season.

**Mrs Erin Thornton - Assistant Principal - Head of Senior School**

## Junior School News

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### Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Junior School, we would like to wish all Prep to Year 4 students and their families a wonderful holiday season and restful break. Students should be extremely proud of their resilience and learning despite an interrupted year. Students have embraced Term 4 and completed amazing learning experiences, demonstrating BMG values and showing evidence of the hard work they put in both at home and at school. We would like to thank parents for their support with at-home learning this year.

We would also like to thank our dedicated and hard working staff who helped to make both the Woodlea and Maddingley Junior School experiences rich and engaging. Our students are so very lucky to have such enthusiastic and caring educators, and this is evident in their hard work, wonderful achievements and results.

Parents will soon be receiving the Semester Two reports. Please ensure you read the covering pages which explain the format of this report which has been modified due to remote learning.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 to 4 students back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Our Prep students commence on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 10am.

**Mrs Sally Savic: Head of Junior School - Woodlea Campus &  
Mrs Lisa Foster: Head of Junior School - Maddingley Campus**

## Student Wellbeing

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While school holidays bring a welcome break for many, some young people need additional support over this period as they may feel disconnected and have difficulty managing yet another change in routine.

[Headspace](#), a resource for people aged 12 to 25 years, offer tips for both [young people](#) and [family and friends](#) to help manage this holiday period. Additionally, they have produced a [resource](#) outlining six steps to help support your young person's mental health and wellbeing over the holidays, as well as listing signs that may suggest your child is in need of additional support.

[Healthy Families](#), a [Beyond Blue](#) initiative, is also a great resource aimed at supporting families with children from newborn babies right through to the teenage years. They have a range of information and advice around topics such as developing communication skills, encouraging independence and managing emotions. The [Healthy Homes](#) aspect explores issues around establishing boundaries, resolving family conflict and supporting healthy habits.

We hope that some of these resources may be of use to you and your families as you navigate the holiday period with your children. We wish you all the very best for a healthy and safe summer holiday.

**Student Wellbeing Team**

Please be advised that the School Office will close for the Christmas Holidays on  
Friday 17 December at 12.00noon.

**Maddingley Administration Office** will re-open Monday 10 January 2022 to Tuesday 25 January 2022 between  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

**Woodlea Administration Office** will re-open on Thursday 27 January 2022.

**2022 Term Dates** are available on the [school website](#).

## Reading Decathlon Challenge 2021

While we were remote-learning last term, many students took the opportunity to participate in Bacchus Marsh Grammar's first ever Reading Decathlon Challenge. It was amazing to see the overwhelmingly positive response, with 271 students participating in the Challenge.

While there were only a limited number of prizes to award, I would like to extend my congratulations to every student who submitted an entry. It was delightful to look through all the wonderful work that was completed and I was extremely impressed with the effort that went into every piece. I look forward to running something similar next year and encourage all students to embrace the challenge!

I thank you for patiently waiting for the judging to be complete and am now excited to announce the prize winners. Each of the following students will receive a certificate and a \$20 Booktopia voucher. I commend them all for their amazing entries.

**Mrs Kelly Dilges – Director of Literacy Education and Development**

Maddingley	
Addison Mortimer	Prep A
William Lee	Prep B
Sam Palta	Prep B
Audrey Armitage	Prep E
Li Wei Rich	Prep F
Arjun Chatter	1A
Yenalee Basnayake	1B
Hamza Qureshi	1B
Jimmy Kent	1C
Ayansh Goyal	2B
Annika McMillan	3A
Mukunth Karthik	3B
Noah Jackson	3D
Stefania Robu	4C
Josephine Gribbin	5D
Vihaan Choudhuri	5D
Tanish Taneja	5D
Miller Humphrey	5D
Abby McKerrow	5E
Danyl Baira	5E
Alisha Chaudhary	6A
Manraj Singh	6A
Nihal Singh Boparai	7C
Ishnoor Dhillon	7J
Madison Winfield	8I
Jessica Fisher	8I
Paige Blake	11A
Tyler Huynh	Teacher

Woodlea	
Trisha Patel	Prep WC
Ramin Adambarage	Prep WE
Harjujhar Singh	Prep WE
Alina Chopra	Prep WF
Sophie Mazza	1WA
Divissha Sethi	1WA
Jai Mullapudi	1WB
Tejesh Kanagala	1WC
Vedant Sharma	1WC
Eira Kaur	1WD
Shanuki Kuruppu	2WA
Harsirat Kaur	2WB
Aashvi Kale	2WC
Cerunthini Gopalakrishnan	2WD
Aarna Yada	2WD
Jed Haymes	2WD
Pranav Manjesh	2WD
Avyyukkt Mehta	2WD
Sarrinah Nusaiybah	3WB
Sophia Kalra	4 WA
Madeleine De Vera	5WD
Geet Mata	6WA
Nehchaldeep Bhullar	6WB
Muskaan Singh	6WB
Rakshita Vij	6WD
Prabhnoor Kaur	6WD
Sumedha Chaudhuri	7WA
Amarleen Lagah	7WC

## Early Learning Centre - Woodlea

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### Early Learning Centre - Woodlea

The school's Early Learning Centre will relocate to the Woodlea Campus site and operate at 111 Frontier Ave from 17 January 2022.

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

## Sport Update

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### Athletic Success

Congratulations to the following students on their recent sporting success and pursuits.

- Devin Leahy (Year 9) has made it into the Victorian State Baseball team and is now in the top 36 players in his age group.
- Zak Spiteri (Year 11) has gone through a series of trials and training sessions to qualify for the U20 Melbourne Victory team.
- Summer Wray (Year 9) and Kaylee Wray (Year 8) are currently travelling to compete in downhill skiing competitions internationally.

We wish all these athletes the very best for their upcoming competitions and seasons and look forward to following their progress over the summer break and into 2022.

**Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE & Health**

## School Administration Information

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### 2022 Booklists

The 2022 Booklist provider is Campion Education. It is strongly recommended that all items are obtained through Campion Education. This will avoid unnecessary problems with reliability of materials, especially textbooks.

**A PDF copy of the 2022 Booklist can be accessed via the Bacchus Marsh Grammar website:**

<https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/booklists/>

There will not be a dedicated 'booklist collection day' at the Maddingley Campus. **Booklist Orders placed online by 15 December will receive free home delivery.** Orders placed after this date will attract a postage charge.

If you have any queries regarding your child's 2022 Booklist, please contact Michelle Graham on 5366 4800.

### 2022 Term Dates

Please refer to the 2022 Term Dates on the [school website](#) for the relevant start dates for each year level.

### Grammarian – Issue 3

The latest issue of the [Grammarian](#) is available now featuring:

- Principal's Address;
- S.T.A.R Program;
- A message from our 2021 Captains;
- Day Camps in the Junior School; and
- 2021 Staughton Vale Program.

## Conveyance Allowance

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Travel Conveyance Allowance applications have now been finalised for 2021.

Parents/Guardians who had a claim in 2021 have had new applications for 2022 posted to them as of Tuesday 7 December 2021.

These are due back to the school by Friday 4 February 2022.

Parents/Guardians who did not submit an application in 2021 can access the application forms from either the Main Administration Office at Maddingley and Woodlea campuses, or from the myBMG Parent Portal under 'Documents/Whole School/Conveyance Allowance Forms'.

### Eligibility

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria. Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible.
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary for 3 or more days per week.
- reside 4.8 km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended; and
- be of school age at the time of application and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service.

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement in the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration, then you may be eligible (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) for the Conveyance Allowance.

If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it is in your interests to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2022.

The application should be accompanied by a simple signed letter stating that you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration of any particular faith.

Please also refer to the 2022 Business Notice on the [school website](#).

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

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

## Bus Information

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### 2022 Private Bus Allocations

Acceptances/Declines for students who have been allocated to a private bus for 2022 are now overdue. Families who have not accepted or declined their child's seat on their allocated bus and chosen their child's stop to board and disembark from will be automatically allocated to the private bus and to board and disembark at stop 1 on their timetable for 2022.

### No Country Bus Services on 28 January 2022

There will be no COUNTRY bus services operating on Friday 28 January 2022. This is particularly important for any Year 12 and Year 7 students who utilise these services, as these year levels commence on this date. Town Service buses will be operating.

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

## Book Club News

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### Book Club is now closed for 2021

Best wishes to our BMG Community for joyous and restful holiday season

See you in 2022!

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

## BMG Community Contacts

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### An update to Noone Uniform shopping:

Please refer to the [school website](#) for the latest updates from Noone including the January 2022 trading hours.  
Alternatively visit [www.noone.com.au](http://www.noone.com.au).

### 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:** [chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:chrisie.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.

## School 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

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#### Maddingley Campus

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#### Woodlea Campus

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#### Woodlea Early Learning Centre

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**School Website:** [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au)



# Bacchus Marsh Summer Holiday Program

Woodlea Campus  
Dec 13 2021 - Jan 28 2022  
(7am - 6:30pm)

## HOW TO BOOK

All new families are required to enrol first. Enrolments are made through Xplor Home, payment via direct debit. See [yballarat.org.au](http://yballarat.org.au) or call 0490 490 362 for details.



SCAN QR CODE FOR  
PROGRAM DETAILS  
or visit [yballarat.org.au](http://yballarat.org.au)



# Bacchus Marsh Holiday Program

**\$100\* per day, less your CCS entitlement**

(\*Includes excursions and incursions. The times of excursions may vary due to circumstances out of our control)

MON DEC 13	 <b>Story time</b> - Be an author for the day. Write and illustrate your very own book
TUE DEC 14	 <b>Frontier Park</b> - Have fun on the adventure playground and enjoy a picnic lunch
WED DEC 15	 <b>Dress up Day</b> - Wear your best costume and strut your stuff on the catwalk
THU DEC 16	 <b>Kids in the Kitchen</b> - Make and bake a yummy treat for snack time
FRI DEC 17	 <b>Nugget Park</b> - Enjoy a picnic lunch and some adventure playground fun
MON DEC 20	 <b>Christmas Crafts</b> - Make some beautiful christmas ornaments to take home
TUE DEC 21	 <b>Christmas Cooking</b> - Enjoy making Christmas themed snacks to enjoy with your friends
WED DEC 22	 <b>OSHC Christmas Party</b> - Celebrate the end of 2021 with the OSHC Christmas Party
MON JAN 17	 <b>Super Science</b> - Conduct experiments in this hands-on science workshop
TUE JAN 18	 <b>African Drumming</b> - Learn to play a traditional West African drumming song
WED JAN 19	 <b>Nugget Park</b> - Take a walk to Nugget Park adventure playground
THU JAN 20	 <b>Werribee Zoo</b> - What is your favourite zoo animal? Will you find it on the guided tour?
FRI JAN 21	 <b>Kids in the Kitchen</b> - Make and bake a yummy treat for snack time
MON JAN 24	 <b>Royal Botanic Gardens</b> - Explore the scenery as we go on a seek and find adventure
TUE JAN 25	 <b>Craft Crate</b> - Make some Australian animal bag tags with Craft Crate sustainable toys
WED JAN 26	Closed for Public Holiday
THU JAN 27	 <b>Frontier Park</b> - Have fun on the adventure playground and enjoy a picnic lunch
FRI JAN 28	 <b>Crazy Dress Up Day</b> - Create crazy hair styles to match your dress up costume



Venue



Incursion



Excursion

Scheduled activities and bus times may change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please confirm with the venue if needed.



For more information including booking details, what to pack & food ideas visit [ybllarat.org.au](http://ybllarat.org.au) or scan the QR code