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Assembly - Years 5 to 12

On Monday 29 July students in Years 5 to 12 came together for a combined Middle and Senior School Assembly. At this assembly Middle School and Senior School Colours were awarded to eligible students.

School Colours are awarded to students as recognition of their participation in and contribution to the school community, and their on-going effort and achievement across a variety of areas within the school. To be eligible to receive School Colours, students must demonstrate a high level of cooperation, responsibility and care toward other members of the school community. Students who received their respective School Colours are listed on the following page.

In addition to School Colours, the School acknowledged the efforts of students for outstanding achievements in their chosen field with Principal awards. Mr Richardson presented to the following students:

- Benjamin Qian 11A Outstanding Effort for achieving Grade 7 Piano.
- Joshua Patterson 10A For selection in the Australian Pool Lifesaving Team.
- Tomeka Fowlie 11E For selection in The Girls Without Borders Program.
- **Zali Ward 10G** For selection in the Victorian State Hockey Team.



Pictured with Mrs Ogston (left to right) Zali Ward, Joshua Patterson, Tomeka Fowlie and Benjamin Qian.

Middle School Colours

Middle School Colours are awarded to students in Years 5 to 8 as recognition for their participation in and contribution to the school community, and their on-going effort and achievement across a variety of areas within the school.

Students eligible to be awarded Middle School Colours must have accumulated in excess of 50 points in areas determined by the Middle School Colours program.

Students awarded Middle School Colours are presented with a badge. Students may achieve Double Middle School Colours once they have accumulated 100 points and will be presented with a blue striped braid to be sewn to the top of the blazer pocket.

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Middle School Colours.

Anchal Singla	Jasvani Kaur	Angel Malhotra
Jessica Malhotra	Nicholas Karakyriakos	Imogen Davie
Anam Kaur Chaggar	Lachlan Sliwa	Shreya Vadapalli
Emily Marchington	Shreya Pradhan	Mani Shukla
Madelyn Hunter	Roshyna Attwal	Charlotte Ogston

Congratulations to the following students have achieved Double Middle School Colours.

Hayley Carlesso	Chanel McKenzie	Grace Strang
Ella Closter	Anika Kanneganti	Chinmayi Potluri
Jackson Brown		

Senior School Colours

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Senior School Colours.

Hannah Slee	Charlotte Stevenson	Solomon Erhardt
Emma Heaphy	Ella Philipps	Eloise Shirra-Gibb
Jessica Lillie	Imogen Burnett	Jemma Brown
Miles Seager	Madeline Stephens	Sarah Holland
Chantal Thomas	Jack Mutsaerts	Olivia Rivette
Avanish Dhaliwal		

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Double Senior School Colours.

Simren Khehra	Indiana Bowden	Miles Seager
Eliza Galvin	Rebecca West	Georgia Burston
Benjamin Campey		

Mr Dean Pepplinkhouse - Assistant Principal - Head of Middle School & Mrs Debra Ogston - Assistant Principal - Head of Senior School

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 2019 – Reminder please purchase tickets.

Families of students in Year 12 are reminded to purchase your tickets for the Valedictory Dinner.

Ticket sales are processed via the **school website** under the <u>events tab.</u>

Ticket sales close - Thursday 15 August 2019

Venue – Marvel Stadium, Victory Room, 740 Bourke Street, Docklands.

Time – 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

If you require more information please contact Mrs Perconte on 5366 4800.

BMG Music News



BMG in Concert - Wednesday 14 August 2019

Bacchus Marsh Grammar music students and staff invite the school and wider community to an evening of musical performances at the Wyndham Cultural Centre in Werribee. Audience members will enjoy a diverse and entertaining program including solo, group and large ensemble acts. The concert will commence at 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale and coordinated by the Wyndham Cultural Centre Box Office located at 177 Watton St Werribee. Tickets may be purchased in person or by phone using VISA or MasterCard during business hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm). Phone: 8734 6000 at a cost of \$10.00 per-ticket for adults and \$5.00 per-ticket for children/concession.

Tickets are also available to purchase online: Visit the Wyndham Cultural Centre website www.wyncc.com.au.

Please note that all online bookings will incur an additional charge of \$1.95 per ticket.

Woodlea House Music

Approximately 60 talented young musicians performed at the inaugural Woodlea House Music event on Monday 29 July. Congratulations to all students who were brave enough to take the stage to entertain their peers. Thank you to parents, friends and family members who attended the event in support of the day and thanks also goes to classroom teachers for their assistance.

Lastly, a special thank you to Mr Troy Westgarth for his hard work in organising the event, as well as our Instrumental Music Teachers for their hard work and support in preparing our young performers.

All Instrumental Music students will have another opportunity to perform at next term's Instrumental Music Concert Series, which is scheduled for Tuesday 29 October - more details to come closer to the event.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music







Individual Student Achievements

Australian Brain Bee

During Term 2, students in Year 10 Pre-VCE Psychology classes were invited to participate in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge online at Education Perfect with 2019's aim focusing on 'The wonders of Neuroscience regarding research and careers in this field'. Lily Thompson 10G, performed in the top 50% of students in Round 1 and advanced to Round 2 – the State Finals – which were held during Week 1 of Term 3 at Melbourne University. In total there were 184 students from 34 different schools participating in the State Finals. Congratulations Lily!

Miss Caitlin Bowers

Lily writes about the day:

On Wednesday 17 July, I competed in the Victorian State Final of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge at Melbourne University. This competition required that I study many areas of neuropsychology.

Upon arrival, we were all seated in the lan Potter auditorium and introduced to the quizmaster, Dr Keeble, and the organiser of the event, Dr Roulston. Then we were lucky enough to be given a presentation about strokes and the current study to effectively cure them.

Next, the team challenge commenced. Unfortunately, I was not able to participate in the team challenge as four students are needed to make a team, but I quizzed myself silently on the questions that they were asking.

The individual challenge followed and I was definitely tested to my greatest ability. I gave all the questions my best go but unfortunately I did not make it into the individual challenge final.

We were then given a tour of the laboratories, insight into current research and we also got to look in their art gallery. This was followed by two more presentations in the auditorium, the first was about what blood vessels in our eyes can tell optometrists and the other about rebooting the brain after injury.



Overall, the day was a great learning experience, I may not have won the competition, but I had a great time learning about different things and a fun experience.

Lily Thomson - 10G

All School Cross Country State Championships – Ethan McMinimee

Ethan McMinimee from 11B represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar at The All School Cross Country State Championships in June at Bundoora. One hundred and ninety four boys competed (u17's+u18's) and Ethan won the championship receiving a gold medal for u18's. This achievement is selection for the Victorian Team which now allows Ethan to compete in Wollongong at the Australian Cross Country championships in August. The Australian Cross Country Championships is the pinnacle event for those competing in Cross Country.

Last weekend Ethan competed at Lake Wendouree and as a result is also now the 2019 U18 Athletics Victoria 6 km Road Champion.

Ethan runs 6 days a week, running up to 70 kms per week and competes for his local club Western Athletics. He is a dedicated athlete who balances his school work with his running and social activities. Congratulations!

Melbourne Fun Run – Caleb Noonan

On Sunday 27 July, Caleb Noonan from 12D competed in his first half-marathon, the annual Melbourne Fun Run over a distance of 21kms.

5503 runners took part in this event. Caleb was placed 37/5503 in the overall results and for his age group (18-29) Caleb was ranked 11/772.

Congratulations on an excellent effort.

DAV Debating

DAV Debating Round 5

Last Monday saw the conclusion of the DAV debating competition, open to students in Years 9-12. The round was power paired, so students were matched against like teams. All participants in this competition have done a great job, and we would like to particularly mention the Year 11, B Grade team and Year 10, C Grade team who won four out of five debates this year.

Congratulations to the "A Graders" on finishing their final year in this competition, and to the D Graders on their debut. We look forward to improving our results next year!

Miss Aine Murphy and Miss Alyce Coyne

Reflection from a Year 12 Student – Mirko Latinovic

On Monday 22 July, Bacchus Marsh Grammar's debating teams travelled to St. Bernard's College in Essendon to compete in the final debate of the year. It was a fun and eventful debate, especially for 'A' graders like myself, as we knew that no matter the result, it would have been our last secondary school debate. We brought everything we possibly could to the table, and while we competed at our best, we sadly lost by only one point.

To describe debating at Bacchus Marsh Grammar with one word, I'd have to go with 'eventful'. There is considerable preparation in the lead up to an event. I personally prefer prepared topics a lot more than secret topics, as it gives me time to formulate responses and rehearse my speech to make it sound as fluent and intellectual as possible. Albeit, I came to appreciate secret topics in my own weird way. Observing both our team and the opposing schools squirm, trying to develop responses in our heads never got old. It is humorous to look back at it now, but I really do believe that it has substantially aided in developing my reasoning, especially on-the-spot scenarios and public speaking skills. If I could give any advice to current and prospective debaters, it would be to always be relaxed. Be voracious, but not over the top.

I would personally like to thank Ms Murphy, Ms Coyne for assisting in our preparation and organising the debates. Also, a massive thank you to Mr Richardson and the school for letting us partake in such an event. It became an integral part of our school lives without us even realising, and I look forward to participating at debating events at university next year.

Mirko Latinovic – Year 12

Science Fair 2019

'Destination Moon: more missions, more science' is the whole school theme for National Science Week in 2019.

To discover and investigate not only past space programs and missions to the Moon, but also the new and innovative space programs, operations and missions of today, and those planned for the future.

WHEN: Science Fair Thursday 22 August 5pm – 7pm
WHERE: Maddingley Campus - Terraces Building - W-Block

WHO: Open to the whole BMG Community

2019 Science Fair Competition for Years 5 to 12

To enter the Science Fair Competition you can do any ONE of the following:-Design and Conduct an experiment.

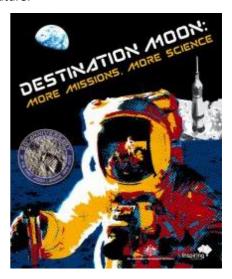
- Demonstrate on the night AND as a Poster Scientific Report.
- **OR Make your own Invention**
 - Display on the night AND as a Poster How it is useful.

OR Build a working model

Display on the night AND a poster of how it was built.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 9 August

Enter by speaking to your Science teacher or Mrs Patterson. We encourage entries related to this year's theme. **'Destination Moon'**



Mrs Raellie Patterson - Head of Science P-6

Student Activities

France Exchange Study Tour

Deposit payments for students who have expressed interest and wish to be part of the 2020 France exchange study tour are now required and must be paid by Friday 23 August. The trip is scheduled to take place in March / April 2020

This is an amazing trip and a wonderful experience for your child. Students spend a week in Paris and 18 days in Lyon. Students learn about French history, culture and a visit to the Australian War Memorial in Villiers-Bretonneux which is a very special experience. The trip is a fantastic opportunity to make friends and learn about school life in France. In Lyon our students are hosted by families at our sister-school, and their host students then visit us at BMG in July next year.

If your child is currently in Years 8-10 and you would like them to be a part of this study tour please contact Mrs Fiona Erhardt on 5366 4800 or via email erhardtf@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mrs Fiona Erhardt - Head of Languages



Maddingley Campus - Junior Showcase

This term, our Maddingley Campus Junior Showcase is scheduled to take place at 9:00am on Friday 9 August in the John Leaver Gymnasium and will feature some exciting performances from:

- Junior Strings Ensemble
- Percussion ensemble
- Year 3/4 Choir
- And selected soloists.

Parents and families are invited to attend, so please come along and help us celebrate our very talented students at BMG.

If you have any questions regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact me via email; westgartht@bmg.vic.edu.au or on 03 5366 4800.

Mr Troy Westgarth - Assistant Director of Music

University of New South Wales Competitions Science, English & Mathematics Competition

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)



Bacchus Marsh Grammar will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales, with over 35 years experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is an academic competition and selected students have been invited to participate. If your child has not been selected and you would like them to participate, you can enter them via UNSW Global Assessments online portal.

Please collect a notice from the Administration office with additional information and instructions on how to enrol your child into the ICAS competition for 2019.

Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following students and classes who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge; Elaine Choi 3WB, Varoon Ravichandar 3WB, Pari Bang 5WB, Ella Noorman 10A, Lucas Harper 6B and Lewis Farley 5B.

BOOK FAIR 2019

WOODLEA CAMPUS:

Book Fair has landed at the Woodlea Campus. The Sales Desk opens on Monday 5 August until Thursday 8 August (session times below).

Woodlea session times:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Monday 5 August} & 3.05 - 3.30 \mbox{pm} \\ \mbox{Tuesday 6 August} & 3.05 - 3.30 \mbox{pm} \end{array}$

Wednesday 7 August 3.05 – 8.00pm (P/T interviews) Thursday 8 August 3.05 – 8.00pm (P/T interviews)



Mrs Di Dunn - Book Fair Coordinator

School Information

Conveyance Allowance

Families in rural and Regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the conveyance allowance.

The conveyance allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus
- or to students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Eligibility

The 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;
- reside 4.8km 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 the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school. This comes after considerable work by the school on your behalf.

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

If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it is in your interest to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2019. The application should be accompanied by a simple letter, stating the reasons why 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 contact Kerryn Browne for an application form or for further information on 03 5366 4800.

Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Reminder

The session for Online Safety and Cyberbullying is on Monday 5 August between 7.00pm and 8.30pm in the John Leaver Gymnasium at Maddingley Campus. See full details in Community Information.

Bacchus Marsh Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Op Shop

The School has collected all unnamed and unclaimed lost property over the last 6 months and donated the items to the Bacchus Marsh Hospital Op Shop. Parents are welcome to attend the Op Shop to purchase items. They are located in Gell Street, Bacchus Marsh.

Hours of Operation:

Monday 9:30am – 4:30pm Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm Saturday 9:30am - 12:00pm

This is a timely reminder that all current and new families should ensure student clothing is marked clearly to ensure that the School can return lost items. It is also important to highlight that accidents can occur, where children put the wrong jumper in their bag. Could we remind families to be courteous and return these back to the class or Reception to be distributed.

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar - On Campus Uniform Shop - from Ms Trish Shilton

Woodlea Parents - Please Note:

The Wednesday delivery service is a volunteer service that I provide. Therefore, I may not be able to deliver every Wednesday due to unforeseen circumstances. If you need anything urgently please refer to the On Campus Uniform Shop hours or contact the Werribee Store on 9741 3211 opening hours.

On Campus (Maddingley) Regular Term Open Times and Days

 Monday
 12.30pm – 4.30pm

 Wednesday
 8.00am – 12.00noon

 Friday
 12.30pm – 4.30pm

On Campus Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Both Maddingley and Woodlea parents are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Orders will then be delivered at Maddingley through the pigeon hole system to classes or tutor groups, and to the Woodlea Campus Reception on Wednesday afternoons.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) - YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

The relevant enrolment forms are available via the <u>school website</u>. Holiday program information for the term break is also available along with relevant booking forms.

Maddingley Campus: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

Woodlea Campus: Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336

Email: chrissie.ashmore@ymca.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638 W: www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Maddingley: Woodlea:

<u>bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au</u> <u>Woodlea.OSHC@ymca.org.au</u>

0438 154 842 0490 490 362

2019 Term Dates and Events Calendar

Term Dates are available on the **School website**.

Key upcoming events and excursions are added into the School Events Calendar for families to access.

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 *or* Absentee Email – <u>maddingley absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au</u> Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – woodlea absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Maddingley Campus

South Maddingley Road Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340 P +61 3 5366 4800 F +61 3 5366 4850

Woodlea Campus

111 Frontier Avenue Aintree VIC 3336 P +61 3 5366 4900 F +61 3 5366 4950

Woodlea Early Learning Centre

5-7 Quarry Road Aintree VIC 3336 P +61 3 5366 4999

General School Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au
School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au



Bacchus Marsh Grammar









1st Ballan Scouts

Hello would you like to come and join Scouts in Ballan. We go on camps and do activities like:-

- Climbing
- Abseiling
- Rafting
- Sailing
- Hiking

it is a lot of FUN!

We also achieve lots of badges !!!! Scout is for all Boys and all Girls.



Ages 5-7



Monday Nights 6:15pm – 7:30pm



Ages 8 - 11



Monday Nights 6:30pm – 8:00pm



Ages 11 – 14

Wednesday Nights 6:30pm – 8:30pm



ql.1stballan@scoutsvictoria.com.au





Body Confident Children and Teens for Parents 5th August 2019 – Bacchus Marsh

Locally supported by Moorabool Shire Council, Youth Services



FREE (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

With so many confusing messages around weight, food and health and with many adults struggling with their own body image it can be difficult for parents to know how to support their child as they move through adolescence. Join the Butterfly Foundation for a relaxed and informative seminar for carers of primary and secondary age children to give knowledge, information and tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image in the home.

Topics covered include:

- Background on body image and the importance of prevention
- Key influences on body confidence, including social media
- Importance of role modelling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Reducing appearance based talk and handling 'stuff' they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral and support information
- Please note this session does not cover fussy eaters

Date: Monday, 5th August 2019

Time: 7 - 8.30pm

Venue: Bacchus Marsh Hall, Main Street, Bacchus Marsh, VIC

Register: HERE - https://thebutterflyfoundation.org.au/education/education-events/

The Butterfly Foundation is Australia's largest charity supporting those affected by eating disorders and negative body image. We are bringing our unique whole community program to young people, parents & professionals in Moorabool on the $5^{\rm th}-6^{\rm th}$ August 2019.

For further information contact: education@thebutterflyfoundtion.org.au 02 8456 3908