

BMG NEWS

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From the Principal

I hope that students and parents have settled in well to the new year. It has been wonderful to see the generally good spirit of students in the first week and their eagerness to engage with the new school year.

There are two things, however, that I do need to comment on; the small but increasing number of requests for alterations to the school day and a similar rise in belief the uniform will be altered by parental fiat.

I have a strong belief that the school day in the context of Australian schools are simply not long enough. If children are leaving and finishing class early to leave for whatever reason it has two impacts; it disrupts their learning but equally significantly it disrupts the flow of the class and the learning of others. The school day is well known to students and parents and has not changed in the last twelve months. We will therefore not be making alterations to the school day unless it is for absolutely essential circumstances. Things like after school work, tutoring arrangements, convenience, football training are not absolutely essential 'circumstances'. We expect students at BMG to be in class for the whole day virtually every day.

We have a small but increasing number of students and parents that believe that the uniform and appearance policy can be altered by personal choice. I wish to make it absolutely clear that this is not and will not be the case. When parents enter the school they do so by acknowledging the school's policies in relation to uniform and appearance and not only acknowledging them but agreeing to uphold them. The policies that are in place represent the clear view of the vast majority of parents about the kind of school they wish for their children.

If parents or students seek an exemption from the policy on any legitimate grounds there is a process contained within the policy to seek an appropriate exemption (particularly on religious grounds).

We will not accept students (with or without parental approval) simply altering arrangements to suit. I wish to make clear that the school will enforce its uniform and appearance policies and that students who will not follow the policies or who repeatedly flaunt them will find their positions at the school in jeopardy.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

The Podium

Achieving Optimal Academic Performance – Welcome to 2023



Welcome back to Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2023. It is going to be a very exciting year with new facilities, new programs and new staff which will compliment and add to the already wonderful school community that we enjoy. By now, students have met their new teachers, found a home for their equipment in their lockers, “checked” out the food at the canteen and found the classrooms indicated on their new timetables. Throughout the year, I will be addressing ways (based on peer reviewed research and teaching experience), that our students, with the help of staff and parents, can optimise their academic performance and enhance their educational opportunities whilst at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. In the first addition of the

Podium for 2023, I would like to start with 5 simple habits that help to produce a successful student. These habits can be implemented from week one and will assist students to have a successful year.

1. Re-establish a routine around bedtime and sleeping patterns.

Sleep deprivation is one of the biggest detriments to students of any age doing well at school. Children of all ages from Prep to VCE need adequate sleep to improve their behaviours, mood and academic achievement. Adequate amounts of sleep range from:

- School age (6-13 years) – 9 to 12 hours
- School Age teens (14-18 years) – 8-10 hours

And to ensure that your child’s sleep is uninterrupted, keep technological devices out of the bedroom!

2. Manage your school diary.

Go through your school diary and/or school calendar and write down all key events. When are examinations? When are assessment tasks? When are the House Sports days? School holidays? Fill in your timetable and make sure that you fill in your diary every day. And most importantly, don’t forget to have both your parents and Tutor Teacher sign it each week. This will ensure that you have someone helping you organise your school week.

3. Study as well as complete set homework.

This one may be obvious but study is different from homework. As well as completing homework, review your material consistently in small chunks and in different ways (for example, write flashcards one day, complete review questions and take practice tests the next). In other words, don’t cram. Speak to your teachers to get further advice on what will work best for you and the individual subject.

4. Ask questions.

You are in school to learn and we are here to help, so don't be afraid to do just that! ASK FOR HELP! - from a teacher, a tutor, intern or your friends – you will obtain feedback and that is a sure-fire way to make sure you truly understand the material.

5. Get involved with the life of the school and have fun.

Your school community is awesome because more than likely there are other people sharing your passions. Go to an afterschool academic club, learn an instrument, join a band or book club, audition for the school musical or train with a sports team... It is fun to be involved, explore your interests and make new friends. Research shows that busy students are the highest achieving students!

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Bacchus Marsh Grammar and I look forward to another successful academic year.

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning

Valentine’s Day

Please note that the school will not be accepting any gifts, flowers or cards for students on Valentine’s Day. If a delivery arrives for a student, it will be refused.

Junior School News

Woodlea Prep

PALS Program

This term, the Preps at Woodlea will be participating in the PALS social skills program. The program is designed to help children develop a range of social behaviours that will help them form friendships and develop skills to get along with others.

The program teaches essential skills such as:

- Greeting others
- Taking turns: talking and listening
- Taking turns at play
- Sharing
- Asking for help
- Identifying feelings
- Empathy
- Overcoming fear and anxiety
- Calming down and speaking up

Parents will receive information via a post on the Prep Family Engagement page on Schoolbox. These posts explain the skills the students have learnt as well as how these skills can be further developed at home. We look forward to supporting our new Prep students to develop lifelong skills and to support you at home to further develop your child's social growth.

PALS Program - Woodlea Student Support

RESPECT

DISCIPLINE

CONFIDENCE

AMBITION

LEADERSHIP

KINDNESS

The Woodlea Preps have come into their first year of schooling displaying each of the school values. Each student has engaged in all the learning tasks, particularly enjoying learning about Sound Waves and discussing what makes them special. They have engaged with a variety of books, including Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, which allowed them to discuss the importance of looking after library books and their belongings. Each child has greeted us with a warm smile in the morning and has shown fantastic independence when setting up their tables and bag lockers upon arrival.

Woodlea Prep Team





Spotlight on Maddingley Year 2

Welcome to 2023! The Year 2 teachers were so excited to welcome students back to school last week. The students have had a productive week settling into the routines of school, reconnecting with old friends and getting to know their new teachers. The students have also been busy creating their classroom libraries. Classroom libraries are a vital part of the reading program in Year 2. The students enjoyed visiting the school library and selecting a range of fiction and nonfiction texts for the classroom. Students worked together to group the books into categories e.g. by topic, author and genre and made labels for the book storage tubs. Students are enjoying reading in the classroom library and sharing book recommendations with their classmates.

Students have also begun learning about the Bacchus Marsh Grammar values – respect, kindness, discipline, confidence, leadership and ambition. Students have been learning about respect and what it means to be respectful at school, at home and in the community.

Maddingley Year 2 Team

Middle School News

Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Middle School has had a very successful start at both campuses. We commend the efforts of all students for the way they have started the school year.

Our focus across the Middle School is on three key areas: academic rigour in all subjects, opportunities for students to participate in their areas of interest and the development of character. Through our curriculum and co-curricular offerings, all students in the Middle School are provided with ample opportunities to excel in these key areas.

Throughout the year, please stay updated on Middle School events and activities via school publications and the Schoolbox Family Engagement Pages.

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Head of Middle Schooling & Mr Scott Bayne – Head of Middle School: Maddingley

Maddingley Middle School Leaders

This week at the Middle School Assembly, our 2023 Leaders were presented to their peers and given their leadership badges. You can see the list of recipients and more images from this Assembly on [Schoolbox](#).

Congratulations!

Mr Scott Bayne Head of Middle School & Mrs Rebecca Perks - Deputy Head of Middle School



Woodlea Year 7 News



On Friday 3 February, the Year 7 Cohort spent the day at Staughton Vale for their 'Getting to Know You' Day. We travelled there with excitement and a lot of energy. All students participated in the History and Art part of the day, and then broke off into their own Tutor Groups. At this time, students had the opportunity to spend time with each other, start to really get to know other students in their Tutor Group and have some fun along the way.

Year 7WA - had a chance to get to know each other through team games – Soccer and Capture the Flag; learning each other's names during the game.

Year 7WB - completed the beginner orienteering course with a lot of energy and excitement.

Year 7WC - played getting to know you/team building games, went on a walk of the grounds and wrote letters to their Year 12 selves. The letters included the students' hopes and dreams, all their current interests and what they want to become outside of school. They are very excited about having these returned.

Year 7WD – created a Personal Crest (with values), wrote a letter to their Year 12 selves and were very excited about their 'Improv' Games.

Year 7WE -participated in ice-breaker games, trekked to the top of the hill and wrote a letter to their December selves.

Students and staff were all very happy that the weather held and that everyone could enjoy some time in the sun. There were some very happy and tired students and teachers on the trip home. I would like to thank all staff involved; it was their energy and contributions that made this day such a huge success.

Mrs Nicole Heywood – Year 7 Coordinator: Woodlea

Maddingley Afterschool Classes

Mathematics and Science

Afterschool classes for Mathematics and Science are held on Thursdays in Rooms L 1 to 6 from 3.20-4.20pm.

English

Afterschool English classes for Years 5 to 12 are on Tuesdays in Rooms L7 & L8 from 3.20-4.20pm.

Afterschool English Language classes for Years 10 to 12 are on Tuesdays in Rooms L9 & L10 from 3.20-4.20pm.

Plus, during lunch times students can attend the following:

- Year 12 English Hacks – Thursday lunchtimes in L8.
- Year 12 English and Literature tuition – Sign up via your English teacher.
- Creative Writing Club – Each week in the Library. Ask your English teacher for more information.

Late Bus Service for Afterschool Classes

To accommodate students participating in afterschool classes this year, a late bus will be available for students requiring transport. Please see the [2023 Business Notice](#) for costs involved and view the bus routes on the [school's website](#).

Students **must** attend Reception to sign up for the late bus before the end of lunchtime on the day which the service is required.

PE and Sport News

Welcome to 2023

As we embark on a new academic year, we are excited to have new and returning students take part in the various programs within PE, Health, Sport and Outdoor and Environmental Studies. The Principal, Mr Neal, announced the construction of the new Southern Sports Precinct, which will be a wonderful addition to our programs and we look forward to what this space has to offer later in the year. Term 1 will have a range of events and activities, so we encourage students to keep an eye out on Schoolbox for sporting clubs, trials and training sessions in which they can be involved. We hope all students are ready for an exciting and challenging year filled with lots of opportunities to learn and grow, especially in the areas of leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

Recent Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Ruby Gorton** (9E) on her wonderful performance representing Victoria at the U13 National Hockey Championships held in Brisbane. Ruby had some great individual performances with a “best on ground” against Western Australia and, as the highest scorer for Victoria, finished in the top 10 goal scorers for the tournament. Ruby also showed great leadership as one of the Captains, guiding the Victorian team to 5th place. Ruby has now set herself the challenge of making the Victorian team for the National U15 Championships which will be held in Darwin in April.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health



School Administration News

2023 School Fee Payment Plans

Invoices for 2023 School Fees have been issued and are now available to view on Schoolbox, via Quick Links/Finances. A reminder that payment plans commence this week. Any family that did not select a payment plan by the close off date has been set to the default method of quarterly instalments. Payment plans will be taken automatically, as per the schedule, by the School via Direct Debit from a nominated bank account or credit card of choice. Please ensure that account details are kept up-to-date in this same section on Schoolbox. This function is available under “Manage Stored Cards” tab in the drop-down menu under “Finance”.

Payment plan commencement dates for 2023 School Fees

Quarterly	Friday 10 February
Monthly	Thursday 16 February
Fortnightly	Thursday 16 February
Weekly	Thursday 16 February

If you have any queries in relation to your Payment Plan, please contact the Accounts Receivable Department by email: accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au or call (03) 5366 4800.

Mrs Kylie Cooper – School Accountant

School Communication

EdSmart – notifications for excursions/key school communication

All families are sent notifications and permission forms for completion via the EdSmart email notification system. Look for ‘Bacchus Marsh Grammar’ in your inbox. It is important to read all event information for upcoming activities and respond with permission by the due date in order for students to participate in these scheduled activities.

Always check your ‘junk mail’ to ensure notifications are not missing.

Multimedia Consent 2023

Annually the School seeks parental consent for use of multimedia containing BMG students.

Photography and videography can occur across all campuses or off-site at school events, activities, camps and excursions. Multimedia will be collected, used and stored in accordance with the School's [Privacy Policy](#).

It can be used in school publications such as the Yearbook, [Grammarian](#), weekly [BMG eNews](#), on the school website, Schoolbox and can extend to advertising and social media.

Parents were sent an EdSmart notification on 2 February to complete the Multimedia Consent process for 2023. We request that parents review the categories listed within the email and complete the consent process by 9.00am Monday 13 February. If incomplete by this date, students will be marked as DO NOT CONSENT for all photography/videography. This consent will be active for a full school year. If you have more than one child attending the school, you were sent an EdSmart notification for each child.

If you have any questions, please make contact with Mrs Casey Ryder at the Maddingley Administration Office on 03 5366 4800.

Lost Property

A reminder to our School Community, and particularly our new families - please ensure all your child/ren's items are named. This includes all uniform, lunchboxes, drink bottles and stationery.

Lost items are brought to the office and we will make every effort to return them to students via the class pigeon holes.

2023 Term Dates

Please refer to the 2023 Term Dates on the [school's website](#) for the relevant start dates for each year level.

2023 School Handbooks – Junior and Middle School

The 2023 Handbooks are available to view on the school's website under [School Publications](#).

Events Calendar

Dates for upcoming events and excursions can be viewed via the events calendar on the [school's website](#).

Mrs Casey Ryder

Early Learning Centre, Woodlea



Mrs Kerry Osborn - Director of Early Learning Services

Expressions of Interest for 2024 4-5 year old and 3-4 year old Long Day integrated Kindergarten program will be **closing shortly**.

If any current families are interested in registering their child for one of our 2024 Kindergarten programs, please visit

<https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/learning-teaching/elc/> to download and complete our Registration of Interest and email to the Early Learning Centre.

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me on 5366 4999.

Year Level Coordinators

All Year Level Coordinators are listed on Schoolbox with email addresses should you need to make contact.

- [Maddingley listing](#)
- [Woodlea listing](#)

Bus News

ID Cards

ALL Students have been issued their Student ID cards. They can use them to tap on/off the bus. Student ID cards are compulsory when boarding a private bus or attending all school excursions/camps etc and they must be carried at all times. Students who board the bus without their ID cards will receive a detention.

Student Permission Cards

Students in Prep – Year 6 require a green permission tag on their bag if they are to disembark the bus to be picked up by someone other than their parent/guardian. Students in Grade 5 & 6 can disembark the bus on their own if they have a green permission tag on their bag for the driver to check. Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notices are available on Schoolbox under School Letters. Please return Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notices to bus@bmg.vic.edu.au. **2022 Student Permission tags will be removed from the students' bags on Friday 17 February 2023. Any student requiring an updated tag for 2023 must have an updated Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notice completed by this date so a 2023 replacement tag can be attached to their bag.**

Late Buses

The late bus timetables can be access via the [school's website](#). Students **must** attend Reception to sign up for the late bus before the end of lunchtime on the day which the service is required.

Maddingley Campus

This service is available from Monday to Thursday afternoons departing at 4.40pm, servicing Melton, Caroline Springs, Tarneit, Werribee and Manor Lakes. The late bus has been split into two routes for 2023. **Late Bus 1** covers Melton, Caroline Springs and Tarneit. **Late Bus 2** covers Manor Lakes, Werribee and Hoppers Crossing. This service is available for students in Year 4 to Year 12 who are involved in School Production or an after-school classes / activities. Services will commence from 6 February.

Woodlea Campus

This service is available only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons departing at 4.40pm, servicing Caroline Springs, Williams Landing and Werribee. This service is available for students in Year 5 to Year 9 who are involved in School Production or an after-school classes / activities. The late bus for Woodlea campus will commence 20 February.

Parent Parking

It is recommended parents pull off the road into a service road or designated car park whilst dropping and picking up their child/ren. Parents need to be mindful not to park cars in the way of a bus and to ensure that the bus has enough space to safely drive into and pull out of the stopping area. Also, as there are bus stops in residential areas, it is important parents not park across residential driveways.

Stop Allocations

If you have changed your child's stop at which they board or disembark as a permanent change, please advise the School Bus Service Administrator on 5366 4800 so this information can be updated on Roll Call.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

Uniform Shops

Uniform information and shop business hours for both the Maddingley Campus 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/>.

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](#).

Email: chrisie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638 W: <https://yballarat.org.au/>

Maddingley:

maddingley.oshc@yballarat.org.au

0438 154 842

Located: South Maddingley Road,

Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@yballarat.org.au

0490 490 362

Located: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336.

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

Woodlea Campus

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BALLARAT & GRAMPIANS COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE

Legal Matters for Parents/Carers

Securing Your Future An information session for Bacchus Marsh Carers

The Pinarc Parent Support Program is proud to host the Ballarat and Grampians Community Legal Service for this important information session.

As children with disabilities reach adulthood, legal issues around wills, power of attorney, financial and medical management can become more complex.

This FREE session is open to families and carers of people with disabilities of all ages.

The Pinarc Parent Support Program is supported by the Victorian Government.

**Date:**

Monday 27th March

Program Times:

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Venue:

Darley Neighbourhood House
33-35 Jonathan Dr, Darley

How Much Does it Cost?

Free

Location of Program:

Bacchus Marsh

How do I register:

Contact Parent Support Coordinator,
Rebecca Paton

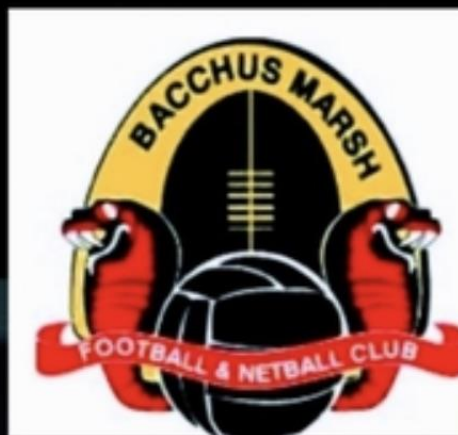
Phone: 53291361

Email: rpaton@pinarc.org.au

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LUCY MCEVORY AND KEELEY SKEPPER
CARLTON AFLW**

**SUNDAY 19 FEB
10-12PM - FREE SNAG
CONTACT
LEANNE 0418 356 036**

MADDINGLY PARK

JUNIOR GIRLS

FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (turning 5-12 years old in 2022) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

WHERE:

Becchus Marsh Racecourse and Recreation Reserve, Maddingley

WHEN:

Sunday February 26th
10:30am-12:00pm



REGISTER HERE!