

The Podium



Achieving Optimal Academic Performance – Enrichment

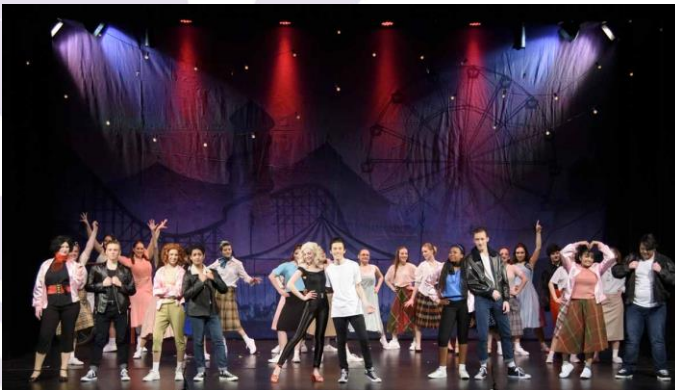
As humans, we grow and learn from new experiences. Enrichment is a vital part of the character education that is being developed at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Good character is:

- Critical to individual excellence;
- Critical to a flourishing society; and
- Something that can be taught.

In accordance with our school values, we want our young people to be leaders and ambitious, confident, disciplined, respectful and kind citizens who will make positive and impactful contributions to our community.

Enrichment is a vital part of our sought, taught and caught character education. Bacchus Marsh Grammar provides a fantastic range of additional learning opportunities for our young people to put into practice our school values, whilst at the same time giving students the opportunity to try out a new activity, expand their knowledge, join a club, learn a new instrument, perform in a musical, play a new sport or attend a camp or expedition to some amazing destination. This broadens our students' horizons, gives them new social and cultural experiences, and helps them better understand their world. It is through our enrichment experiences that students can develop a deeper relationship with their peers and teachers, and put into practice their character virtues and school values in a setting that is varied and different to what they are used to in the classroom. I encourage all students to seek out opportunities at school and enrich their learning with the great variety of activities that Bacchus Marsh Grammar has to offer.

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal Optimal Performance Learning



RESPECT

DISCIPLINE

CONFIDENCE

AMBITION

LEADERSHIP

KINDNESS

Maddingley Campus - Gatehouse Entry

Please note that the Gatehouse Entry will be closed between:

- 10:00am and 3:00pm from 2 May to 9 May; and
- 10:00am and 2:00pm from 10 May to 12 May.

If students are required to be signed in or out between these hours, please do so from Main Reception.

This will also mean that students will be unable to access the Uniform Shop during recess and lunchtime.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

2024 Term Dates

The 2024 Term Dates have been published on the [school's website](#).

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Final Applications Due

This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink pensioner concession or Health care card number (CRN).

If you are yet to return your CSEF form, please ensure this is returned to the Administration Office no later than 19 June 2023 to ensure ample time for your application to be processed. Further information and the CSEF application form can be downloaded from the School's website: <https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/camps-sports-excursions-fund-csef/>

Enquiries and soft copy forms should be directed to Sharon de Vries at accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Ms Sharon de Vries - Senior Finance Officer

Student Wellbeing

Online Safety and Bullying

The online world that our children and young people are exposed to every day comes with a range of benefits as well as challenges. Young people, parents and families often struggle with navigating the complex issues that arise online. Many parents feel teaching their kids about online safety is important, but they may not know how to go about it. Dolly's Dream has set about to change the online culture by addressing the impact of bullying, anxiety and depression through education and support for young people and families. Dolly's Dream has researched the issues young people are facing and have compiled trusted information about online safety and bullying. Please visit [Dolly's Dream Parent Hub](#) to explore topics and information on bullying, gaming, online stranger danger, social media and talking to your kids, to name just a few. We encourage parents to have honest conversations with their children and young people to help them navigate online challenges and equip themselves with knowledge to protect and promote a safer online environment. Please go to <https://dollysdream.org.au/parent-hub/> for more information.



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Student Support Team

Physical Education, Health and Sport

ICCES Athletics results

The ICCES Inter-School Athletics Carnival was held at Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park on Monday 1 May. It was a great success, with students showcasing their athletic prowess and sportsmanship to see BMG finish in 3rd place overall. Our BMG team consisted of a large team of 88 athletes and it was wonderful to see so many students stand up and cover events when they needed to be filled. This “team first” attitude ensured that the school was always in the hunt for vital points throughout the day. Such events play a vital role in promoting physical fitness, teamwork and leadership among our students. The event was well organised and all students and spectators thoroughly enjoyed the day with host school Gippsland Grammar to be commended for organising such a successful carnival. Congratulations to the overall winning school, Ballarat Grammar.

Congratulations to our two age group champions!

Tylar Forsyth – Year 8 Boys
Leila Stegehuis – Year 8 Girls (pictured below left)

There were also new ICCES records set in the following events:

Leila Stegehuis – Year 8 Girls High jump, with a jump of 1.56m.
Mackenzie Estlick – Year 9 Girls Long Jump, with a jump of 5.74m.

Overall results

1 st	Ballarat Grammar	2,907
2 nd	Braemar College	2,431
3 rd	Bacchus Marsh Grammar	2,415
4 th	Goulburn Valley Grammar	2,377
5 th	Gippsland Grammar	2,035
6 th	Girton Grammar	1,855
7 th	Hamilton & Alexandra College	1,768
8 th	Highview College	1,621



VCE Netball & AFL

Last Wednesday, the VCE Netball and AFL teams travelled to Ballarat for some friendly competition against Ballarat Grammar. The AFL match took place at the Alfredton Oval, while the Netball was held on the school netball courts at Ballarat Grammar. Both schools should be proud of their efforts with both teams displaying excellent skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Ballarat Grammar on their victories in both sports and for hosting a wonderful afternoon for our VCE students. Our senior students are very grateful to represent the school and supplement their studies with this competitive sporting opportunity.

VSAC Swimming Championship

The following students have qualified for the Victorian Schools Associations Competition (VSAC) Swimming Championships to be held at MSAC next Monday 8 May. We wish them all the best as they represent team ICCES against many of the state's best swimmers.

Year 7	Taylor MILLER Abbey SMITH Magnus STRICKLAND
Year 8	Tanya DING
Year 9	Ethan BLOSS Rodney TANG Nilay SARMAN
Year 11	Benjamin NOLTA Thomas SMITH Pravallika TRIPURANA

Health Workshops - Elephant Education

As part of the health and wellbeing curriculum at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Elephant Education will be conducting a number of sex education and health workshops for our Middle School students during Term 2.

Elephant Education is a leading sexuality education provider to hundreds of schools around Australia. Elephant Ed's workshops are evidence-based, age-appropriate and aligned with State and National curriculum guidelines. Elephant Ed is endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider. These sessions are designed to empower young people to make informed, positive and safe decisions about sexuality, relationships and growing up. The Elephant Ed student workshops will be conducted in class across both the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses and focussing on age-appropriate themes.

Maddingley Campus	Woodlea Campus
Monday 15 May Year 5: Puberty / Embracing Change Year 7: Body Safety	Friday 12 May Year 5: Puberty / Embracing Change Year 7: Body Safety
Monday 22 May Year 6: Respectful relationships / Body image Year 8: Social Media / Language & Labelling	Year 6: Respectful relationships / Body image Year 8: Social Media / Language & Labelling

In the lead up to these student sessions, Elephant Ed invites parents to attend an online parent webinar. Please see below the invitation to a webinar entitled Puberty and Embracing Change, presented by Elephant Ed.

When: Tuesday 9 May, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

Topic: Puberty & Embracing Change.

In advance of Elephant Ed's workshops with BMG students, this webinar will include discussion around the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, as well as strategies for starting open and effective conversations at home.

You are required to register in advance for this webinar. Please use the link [here](#) to register.

Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students on some fantastic sporting achievements in the holiday break.

Emma Stewart 10B

Winner of the Powercor Little Athletics Victoria Handicap 400 Metre Final at the Stawell Gift with a time of 51.879 seconds. Congratulations on a wonderful win!

Ruby Gorton 9E

Represented Team Victoria at the U15 National Hockey Championships held in Darwin. Ruby and her team made it all the way to the Final, where they faced a strong Queensland team and took home a well-deserved silver medal. Ruby also picked up the great honour of best on ground in her match against NSW.

Ethan Stegehuis 10G

- Won the 400m hurdles at the Victoria State Championships.
- Represented Team Vic in Brisbane at the Athletics Australian National Championships and finished 4th in the 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles.

Leila Stegehuis 8F

- Won the high jump at the Victoria State Championships.
- Represented Team Vic in Brisbane at the Athletics Australian National Championships and finished 13th in the 400m hurdles and 9th in the high jump.
- Represented Team Vic in the Little Athletics Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Melbourne where she competed in high jump. She finished on the podium with a bronze medal.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: Physical Education and Health

Music Department - Student Success

Scott Cremona's hard work and dedication to his drumming development was recognised at the recent ANZCA Graduation Concert and Ceremony, which was held at Methodist Ladies' College in Kew. ANZCA examinations are offered in Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand and, as such, this is a wonderful achievement – congratulations Scott!

Students who participate in instrument/voice lessons or other performing arts programs outside of Bacchus Marsh Grammar are also encouraged to forward any examination or competition results for acknowledgement in future newsletters: music@bmg.vic.edu.au

Mr Steven Bell - Head of Faculty: Music & Performing Arts



Middle School News

Maddingley Middle School Colours

This week's Middle School Assembly focussed on two of our school values, Ambition and Kindness.

Ambition was demonstrated through a number of students being recognised and awarded School Colours for their contribution to the school community. Congratulations to all students who received their 50 School Colour Badge and the following students who received the 100 School Colour braid to place on their blazer.

100 School Colour Points Recipients

Vivaan Ogale 6C

Stefania Robu 6D

Lucy O'Donnell 7A

Panav Doshi 7A

Josephine Gribbin 7B

Liam Collins 7C

Anika Tran 7C

Aashirya Vandrangi 7D

Armaanpartap Brar 8G

Ananya Nandakumar 8H

Alana Durovic 8C

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

Wynspeak

On May 2, Year 8 School Captains, Rakshita Vij and Geet Mata represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea at the annual Wynspeak competition. This prestigious public speaking competition includes competitors from schools across Melbourne's western region.

All competitors are required to complete a five-minute prepared speech and then participate in an impromptu short speech section. Rakshita spoke of the importance of honouring our servicemen and women, and Geet's prepared speech discussed the challenges of being a teenager.

Both Rakshita and Geet presented exceptionally well, speaking with eloquence and authority on their selected topics.

We are thrilled to announce that Geet Mata was the short speech winner in the Junior Section for round two. Congratulations to Geet and all competitors for their hard work.

Mrs Sarah Hunter- Head of Middle School Woodlea

BMG's Story Writing Competition has begun!

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter or on Schoolbox for details, or contact Mrs West. (Poster designed by Muskaan 8WE)

Rules:

1. All stories must include the author's name and tutor group.
2. The author must be a student of Bacchus Marsh Grammar in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8.
3. Prizes will be awarded to winners at each Year level.
4. All stories must include the story prompt.
5. All stories must be authentic and not copied from another source.
6. All stories must be submitted on paper. No electronic entries will be accepted.
7. Entries must be handed to Reception, or the library by **4pm Tuesday 25th July 2023**.
8. No late entries will be accepted.
9. The judges' decision is final. No further correspondence will be entered into.



2023 STORY WRITING
COMPETITION

Mrs Feona West : Teacher-Librarian

Junior School News



Among scientists who study the learning process, it is well established that having prior knowledge of a topic has a strong positive effect on reading comprehension (Wexler, 2021). There is further evidence that scores for reading comprehension tests are highly correlated with general cultural knowledge. In the Junior School, we strive to teach students strong background knowledge and vocabulary through all subjects taught.

This term, the Maddingley Junior School is developing knowledge of past civilisations. Year 1 to Year 4 students are learning about ancient times and how those civilisations have shaped the world we live in today. Our Prep students at both campuses are developing their knowledge of the world we live in, looking at the continents,

environments and the animals which live there. Woodlea Campus Year 1 – 4 students are studying topics such as ‘The Human Body’ and ‘Life Cycles of Insects’ in Year 1 and 2, and influential Change Makers and Explorers in Years 3 and 4.

During Week 2, you will receive detailed newsletters outlining the curriculum this term. We encourage you to ask your students about what they are learning and what they are interested in. Spark the discussion and bring the joy of learning home!

Mother’s Day Activities in Junior School

The younger year levels in Junior School will host Mother’s Day activities in the lead up to Mother’s Day next weekend. Please refer to Edsmart notifications for full details.

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

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open to all students from P-12

The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading and builds upon the literacy programs already in place at School, as well as providing a wonderful way for parents to encourage their child to read and improve their literacy skills. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student. The Challenge also encourages students to read more frequently and more broadly, with a wide range of authors and books making up the booklist.

Prep, Year 1 and 2 students are challenged to read or experience 30 books. They can either read the books by themselves, with someone else or be read to. All P-2 classes at Bacchus Marsh Grammar will do the Challenge together as a class.

Students in Years 3-6 must read 15 books to meet the Challenge. Two-thirds of the books for all students need to be from the 2023 Challenge booklist.

Logon details have been provided to Year 3-8 students. Year 9-12 students who wish to complete the Challenge should email Mrs West at westf@bmg.vic.edu.au for their details.

The Challenge ends on September 8, 2023.

All students who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate from Victoria’s Premier.

Students who complete the Challenge must advise Mrs West either via an email from a parent or a signed printout of their completed Challenge list. The entry will then be verified.

Further details of the Challenge and the full list of books are available from the PRC website:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Mrs Feona West : Teacher-Librarian

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for the following dates:

Maddingley Campus
8 to 12 May – Maddingley Prep Reception to Year 12 Leadership Photos & BMG Sibling Photos during Periods 1 & 2 ONLY – Monday 8 May 2023

School Photos will take place at Maddingley next week. View the timetable on [Schoolbox](#) under Whole School / School Photos. Please refer to the original Edsmart notification sent on 31 March with information relating to ordering and registering for sibling and leadership photos.

Please note School photos are exempt from the "Exclusion from Multimedia". If you have any concerns contact Casey Ryder or Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800. All students will be photographed regardless of an order being placed.

Uniform

Students are required to wear their Full (Winter) School uniform. The Full uniform includes blazers, jumpers and ties for students in Years 5 to 12, and jumpers and ties for students in Prep Reception to Year 4. It is expected that students wear their School jumpers for photos. *Refer to Pages 10-13 in the Student Diary.*

Students who have PE/Sport

Junior School (Prep to Year 4)

For Junior School students who have PE on their allocated day for photos, they are to wear their full uniform and pack their runners in their school bag to change into.

Middle (Year 5 to 8) and Senior (Years 9 to 12) School

For Middle and Senior School students who have PE or Sport on their allocated day for photos, they are to wear their full school uniform and bring their PE uniforms, runners and get changed.

Mrs Cathy Perconte – Events and Community Development Coordinator

Bus News

Glenmore/Balliang/Underbank Bus Timetable – UPDATED

We have been advised that the Glenmore/Balliang/Underbank bus route is going to begin 15 minutes earlier in the mornings which will change all stop times in the mornings. An updated timetable has been advertised on Schoolbox. This change will be effective as of Monday 8 May.

Student ID Cards

Many students are beginning to travel without their Student ID Card. ALL students who are travelling via a private bus, going on camp or an excursion MUST travel with their student ID card to tap on/off the bus. Students who continually travel on a private bus without their student ID card will be issued with an after-school detention.

Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Book Club

Check out the latest edition on the BMG website at the link below.

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

You can place your order online and have it delivered to your home. Commission from our sales goes towards new books and resources for the school.

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



Recycle Your Pens & Markers - Woodlea



Woodlea is supporting Officeworks' recycling program which allows individuals to easily recycle a range of different items to help reduce landfill and make a 'positive difference'.

Students, families, teachers and the wider Woodlea community can now deposit used pens, felt tips, highlighters, mechanical pens, correction tape, liquid paper, fountain pens/ink cartridges and markers in the Officeworks blue recycling box at Woodlea's ELC and school reception office.

If you would like to recycle other items such as ink cartridges, e-waste, mobile phones and batteries, visit your local Officeworks to make your contributions.

For more information, visit <https://www.officeworks.com.au/information/about-us/peopleandplanet/recycling>

Ms Chloe Fava

Events Calendar

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

Uniform Shop

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](#).

Please note that Maddingley OSHC operates out of X6. They will still be accessing the playgrounds and the Gym, therefore families are encouraged to call on arrival to find out where students are located for pick up - 0438 154 842.

Email: chrissie.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, Bacchus Marsh.

Woodlea:
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School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au



2023 STORY WRITING COMPETITION



PROMPT:

"I didn't do it- *she* did."

All stories must include the author's name and
tutor group

The author must be a student of Bacchus Marsh
Grammar in years 2-8

All stories must include the story prompt

All stories must be original and not copied from
another source

All stories must be submitted on paper. No
electronic entries will be accepted.

Entries must be handed to the reception, or
library by 4pm Tuesday 25th July 2023

No late entries will be accepted.

The judges' decision is *final*. No further
correspondence will be entered into.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each year
level





JOIN THE FUN!

Western Rams Auskick Centre

Ian Cowie Recreation Reserve, Rockbank

Tuesday's 4:30pm-5:30pm
(starting Tuesday May 9th)

Please contact Chantel for more information:

guirguis1999@gmail.com

REGISTER HERE

play.afl/auskick



Bacchus Marsh Rotary

Art Show

King's Birthday Weekend

Gala Opening Night

Bacchus Marsh Public Hall

All Welcome on Friday 9th June, 7pm - 10pm.

SUPPER, DRINKS AND LIVE MUSIC FROM THE BACCBAT JAZZ BAND.

Preview and purchase of artwork.

Tickets at the door - \$40

Sat 10th June open 10am - 5pm.

Sun 11th June open 10am - 5pm.

Mon 12th June open 10am - 4pm.

Ph: 0487 770 362 for more details or

<https://www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au/>

JOIN THE MIGHTY GIANTS

JUNIOR PLAYERS THE AINTREE GIANTS WANT YOU!

LOOKING TO PLAY FOOTY?
LOOKING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS?
LOOKING FOR A GREAT FAMILY FUN CLUB?

THE MIGHTY GIANTS ARE ON THE HUNT FOR
UNDER 8'S AND UNDER 10'S PLAYERS.

COME DOWN TO TRAINING ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30PM
FRONTIER RESERVE, AINTREE.

