

BMG NEWS

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Houses 2024

On Friday 11 August a special assembly was conducted with a ballot event to name the 8 new Houses for 2024.

The event was livestreamed to all students, staff and families and we are very excited to formally announce the names, along with the associated colour, mascot and flora emblem:

Lerderderg – Navy Blue – Sugar Glider - Blackwood

Kororoit – Yellow – Rosella - Sheoak

Toolern – Red – Pelican – River Redgum

Djerriwarrh – Purple – Platypus – Silver Wattle

Parwan – Bottle Green – Echidna – Manna Gum

Pyrites – Maroon – Kangaroo – Snow Daisy

Dale – Orange – Wedgetail Eagle – Peppermint Gum

Pykes – Light Blue – Growling Grass Frog – River Bottlebrush

The next step of this transition to a new system, is to allocate students to their new Houses. This process will begin in Term 4. As previously mentioned, the school will gift each student with a new House t-shirt next year.

**Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal
& Mrs Debra Ogston – Deputy Principal**

Vale Ian Hutcheson



It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Mr Ian Hutcheson.

Mr Hutcheson was an enormously talented language teacher who had taught widely in Australia, Japan and Indonesia. He had a passion for the cultures of Indonesia and the promotion of a strong relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Mr Hutcheson was diagnosed with an illness about 12 months ago. He faced a difficult course of treatment in a positive and pragmatic way. It was wonderful to see him back in action, doing the thing he loved – teaching for a short period at the beginning of the year.

I spoke with Mr Hutcheson's widow yesterday who commented that he spoke so highly of you the students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. May we remember him with fondness.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

Maddingley Campus Power Upgrade - Impact to School Systems

Due to further power works at the Maddingley campus for Saturday and Sunday this weekend we will be required to shutdown ICT services.

Services will be unavailable from 6AM Saturday 19/8/2023 to 6PM Sunday 20/8/2023.

Return of services will be dependent upon the completion of works by Powercor and electricians.

The outage will include but not be limited to the myBMG Parent Portal and SchoolBox.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

The Podium

Character sought through Co-Curricular Enrichment

The development of our students' characters is an obligation we all share. Belonging to and actively participating in a school community is a deeply formative experience that helps students develop their character. Co-curricular refers to opportunities offered beyond the curriculum, usually before school, during breaks or after school and include areas such as sport, dance, drama, clubs and academic extension. Our Enrichment Program at Bacchus Marsh Grammar is such that we are able to broaden students' passions and interests whilst character building is sought through chosen experiences that occur outside of the formal curriculum. Our enrichment program is key to developing character and enhancing our students' scholastic development. Here are 4 reasons why:

1/ Social Skills and Relationship Building

Co-curricular activities provide opportunities for students to form friendships outside of their normal social circles. By interacting with different peers in different year groups who share similar interests, students can develop strong social bonds resulting in a sense of community within the school.



The Podium continued.....

2/ Discover and develop talents and passions

Being at Bacchus Marsh Grammar should ignite your child's inner spark, uncovering their hidden talents and interests. We want to inspire our students to reach their full potential. From activities in sport to music and the performing arts, from clubs such as Chess Club, Debating Club and the Explorers Club, we aim to encourage students to step out of their comfort zones, discover new interests and grow in confidence.

3/ Academic Achievement

Students who engage in co-curricular activities often experience better academic outcomes. It fosters the students' ability to think creatively, concentrate, collaborate effectively, manage their time and take responsibility for academic tasks. Additionally, involvement in co-curricular activities can ignite a student's passion for learning and foster a more positive attitude towards school, resulting in higher grades, educational aspirations and overall academic achievement.

4/ Self Esteem and Wellbeing

When your child experiences success outside of the classroom, it can significantly improve their self-confidence, self-esteem and wellbeing. Studies have found that students who participated in co-curricular activities have better mental health outcomes at school and feel a greater sense of belonging than those who don't participate.

Co-curricular activities play a crucial role in fostering well-rounded individuals who are primed for success in all aspects of their lives. Through our enrichment program, we care for and respect others, as well as care for and respect ourselves – all key aspects of our Character Education.

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal Optimal Performance Learning

Wellbeing News

The Billboard

The Wellbeing Team has created interactive Billboards for students in Years 5 – 12 since 2020. Each term, a new Billboard is launched which has links embedded behind most of the images to all things health and wellbeing. The Billboards are age appropriate and aim to focus on issues important to particular year levels. The Term 3 Billboard is now available and can be found on Schoolbox by entering the Middle and Senior School Gateway where you will see The Billboard tile. Students can also access The Billboard from their year level page. Previous editions of the Billboards can also be viewed here.

The image shows a screenshot of the BMG Gateway website on the left and a collage of the Year 11 & 12 Billboard for Term 3 2023 on the right.

BMG Gateway - Middle & Senior School

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Year 11 & 12 Billboard Term 3 2023

STUDY Tips Here!

Food to fuel your brain!

What's your path?

How to get it!

Tips for talking to your parents

ADVICE GUIDANCE | HELP SUPPORT

Stress: Why do I freakout?

Learn the art of taking notes here

Yummy Goodness!

Friends | Study | Work | Family

Balance & avoiding burnout

Art & Design

Learn how to Develop Self Awareness

Where do I get help?

Talk to your Tutor Group Teacher, Subject Teacher or Head of Year.

Talk to a parent or adult that you trust.

Other places to get help:
kids helpline 1800 55 1800
<https://kids helpline.com.au>
Reachout @ <https://au.reachout.com/>
Headspace @ <https://headspace.org.au>

Bacchus Marsh Grammar 2023

The Student Support Team

PE, Health and Sport News

Individual Sporting Performances

Congratulations to the following students on their recent sporting performances:

Mt Buller Parallel Slalom:

- **Summer Wray** (11H) for placing 2nd in the FIS Girls
- **Kaylee Wray** (10I) for placing 4th in the FIS Girls
- **Tayla Wray** (9J) for placing 2nd in U16 Girls

Amelia Wilson (10I) competed in the CheerCon World's Experience held in Sydney last week and came home with two gold medals. Her team 'Lady Reign' was successful in being selected to compete in the Cheerleading World Championships to be held in Florida in April 2024. The team is selected by the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federations 'AASCF' and will compete against countries from around the world.

These students are all dedicated athletes within the elite sports program at BMG and have been training very hard to achieve such amazing results within their respective sports.

Year 9/10 Sporting Club (Maddingley) Term 3

The Sporting Club has kicked off at BMG for our Year 9 & 10s with sessions in Rugby and Ultimate Frisbee being conducted over the last two weeks. The next sport to be added to the Club will be Quick Stix which is an alternative form of Lacrosse. The school has been fortunate in receiving a sporting grant to help increase physical activity and promote sporting opportunities to our Year 9/10 cohort. These sessions are conducted by coaches within the sporting organisation and will run for the remainder of term but be limited to 30 students per session. Students in Years 9 and 10 should keep an eye on Schoolbox for more opportunities to sign up and take part.

Elite Sport Applications Year 9 and 10

Thank you to all students/athletes who applied for the Elite Sporting Program for Years 9 and 10 in 2024. Students will now undertake their testing afternoon to gather data about their current fitness parameters.

Information regarding successful candidates will be released over the coming weeks after the review process has been completed by our panel of staff which consists of former Commonwealth Games, national level and high performance coaches and an independent review by the WestVic Academy of Sport Executive Officer and team.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer a place to all candidates. However, we encourage all athletes to continue to train hard and strive for success. As in previous years, we will review all applications and grade each one on the following criteria;

1. Level of competition in which the athlete has consistently been competing.
2. Quality of the athlete's coach's reference.
3. Performance of the athlete at the testing afternoons and benchmarks met.
4. Commitment to representing their House and the School in events (e.g. ICCES).
5. Approach to studies, attitude and results within Physical Education and Sport classes.
6. Behaviour and approach to studies within their academic subjects.
7. Meeting subject selection criteria as per the requirements of the Year 9/10 elective program.

The standard of applicants was extremely high once again with a large number of athletes achieving either National or State representation within their chosen sport.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE & Health

Snow Australia Interschools Victorian Championships

We wish Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Snowsports team good luck as they head to Mt Buller for the Snow Australia Interschools Victorian Championships next week. Our students will be competing in a range of events including Alpine Giant Slalom, Moguls and Ski Cross.

Students competing are **Summer Wray, Kaylee Wray and Tayla Wray**.

Watch this space in the coming weeks for results.

Mr Nick Sher – Snowsport Team Coordinator



Middle School Science Experiences at Staughton Vale: Chemical Science

In Term 3, our Middle School students from Maddingley headed to Staughton Vale for a range of activities that helped them learn more about Chemical Science.



Year 6 students learnt about Physical and Chemical Changes. They explored the process of making honeycomb and pancakes and used a solar oven to attempt to melt chocolate. Students collected lemons from the orchard and used the juice for invisible writing and to react the juice with sodium bicarbonate to make gas. Dirt from the market garden was used to attempt to construct a battery. Although not successful in producing a current, the activity

stimulated a lot of discussion about circuits and conductivity which is a valuable introduction to the concept of chemical to electrical change and circuits that they will study next term.

Reflections from 6A

- *My name is Thomas Maat and going to Staughton Vale was really fun! We first learnt about making honeycomb in the kitchen using basic ingredients. When we combined the honey and flour with bicarbonate soda it changed colour, bubbled and grew in size. We then put it in the freezer and we could later eat it. This is a chemical change. We then did our pancake experiment which was just making pancakes. The science part of it is when we applied heat to the mixture and it soon became a solid, it was then edible. This is another example of a chemical change. We did a short experiment about chocolate melting into a liquid which was an example of a physical change. Then finally, we did an experiment with lemon juice.*
- *My name is Max Ambrogio. The recent Staughton Vale Year 6 trip was very educating and very helpful to us students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Students enjoyed a range of activities, including making pancakes which was a chemical change, melting chocolate which was a physical change, creating a dirt battery which was a chemical change, creating invisible ink with lemon juice and making a reaction with lemon juice and baking soda so that it rises.*

Year 5 students visited Staughton Vale to learn about acids and bases in the natural world around us. They explored the property to collect two types of soil, dam water and lemons and tested the pH (acidity) of these substances. Students also assisted teachers to make a red cabbage indicator used to test their samples. The finale was a dry ice spectacular where students observed the process of sublimation (solid to gas).

Staff members were so pleased to hear students talk about how they enjoyed the day at the Staughton Vale campus and how the activities helped them to have a deeper understanding of their learning in Science. Some of their favourite activities were making pancakes and tasting them, and the Dry Ice Demonstration run by Mr Davie. Back in the classroom, students will complete further work in Chemical Sciences inspired by their day at Staughton Vale.

Mrs Li Richardson - Head of Science & Ms Kimone Stacey-Missen - Project Officer



2023 ICAS Assessments – Science and Maths

For those students attending ICAS assessments on the upcoming dates (19 August - SCIENCE and 26 August - MATHS), you must remember to bring:

- Charged Chromebook - Students sitting assessments in Years 5 to 10 must bring their school chromebook charged ready to complete the online assessment. Students in Years 2 to 4 will be allocated a school chromebook upon check-in for use during their subject assessment.
- BMG Student ID Card - for identification purposes and assistance with the check-in process.
- Water bottle.
- A book to read should you complete your assessment early.

If you have forgotten what session time you selected, ask your parents to refer back to the Edsmart slip from 3 August. Sessions are at 9.00am, 10.00am or 11.00am. **Please arrive 10mins prior.** Assessments must start on time.

Note that the Science ICAS is only taking place at the Woodlea Campus this week due to the power outage at the Maddingley Campus. Information was sent via Edsmart to parents and is also available on Schoolbox.

Contact is via email only - administration@bmg.vic.edu.au

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

Junior School News

Woodlea – Life Education Program

Here at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we aim to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to become lifelong learners. Our school values are the foundation of our school culture and align with the dispositions we foster in our students throughout their schooling journey. An integral part of our holistic approach ensures that we equip students with the strategies to make and maintain friendships, build their social skills and learn positive self-regulation strategies.

To support and enrich our Pastoral Care Program, our Junior School students recently participated in the 'Life Education Program'. They were visited by Harold the Giraffe who inspired and empowered students by providing them with the knowledge, skills and strategies around the topics of:

- Physical Health
- Safety
- Social and emotional wellbeing

It was wonderful to see students engaging in role-play activities, group discussions and independent reflection tasks throughout the program. We look forward to continuing to build the students' understanding of themselves through our rich and meaningful 'Critical and Creative Thinking' sessions.



Ms Courtney Williams – Deputy Head of Junior School: Woodlea

Literacy Week - 28 August to 1 September



Literacy Week is fast approaching and we are positively bursting to celebrate reading and literacy in all its glory here at Bacchus Marsh Grammar!

There will be opportunities to participate in fun activities across the sub-schools – some individual, some in teams, but all engaging and fun.

Literacy Dress Up Day will take place on:

Woodlea : Monday 28 August

Maddingley : Friday 1 September

The theme this year is “Read, Grow, Inspire”, which pretty much means the options are endless. We can’t wait to see the students all dressed up and enjoy the excitement of the day either remotely or onsite.

Early Learning Centre, Woodlea

Expressions of Interest for **2025** 4 year old and 3 year old integrated Kindergarten program will be **closing shortly**.

If any current families are interested in registering their child for one of our **2025 Kindergarten programs**, please visit the [school's website](#) to complete our Registration of Interest and email it to the Early Learning Centre on the email address noted on the form.

Please note that 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.

Mrs Kerry Osborn - Director of Early Learning Services



Bus News

PRIVATE BUS TRAVEL 2024

We are currently rolling over students from 2023 private bus travel to 2024.

If your child/ren’s current bus travel arrangements are going to change or require to be changed (eg. moving house, will not require private bus travel) for 2024, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au to discuss. If your child/ren will not require a private bus service in 2024 and parents do not advise us, your child/ren will be allocated to a private bus and fees will apply.

ALLOCATED ROLL CALL STOPS

If you have changed your child/ren’s stop at which they board or disembark as a permanent change, and have not notified the school, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au. This information needs to be up to date on roll call for emergency services and will assist in the planning for 2024 routes/timetables.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

2024 Term Dates

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

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 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/>.

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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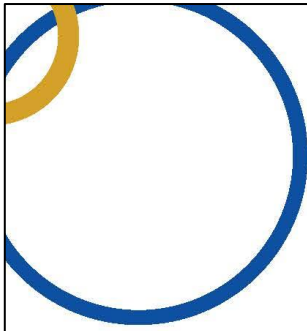
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Portrait Competition



The 2023 BMG Portrait Competition will be continuing again this year. Students are invited to draw a portrait using greylead or coloured pencils. Students are encouraged to create a portrait of a person that is real.

Wonderful arty prizes at each Year Level!

Students, please take note of the following:

- Portraits are not to be larger than A3 in size
- All portraits should be completed in the next few weeks, don't submit work you have previously completed
- Artwork must be appropriate to be displayed at school

Portraits should be submitted to the Woodlea front office by:

Friday the 1st of September- end of week 7

Please forward any questions to:

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Nicole Mill: milln@bmg.vic.edu.au

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- 11:45-12:15 Moorabool Council: worm farm & composting
- 12:15-12:45 Ukulele performance
- 12:45-01:15 Back yard chooks

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