



Year 12 Valedictorians 2023

This week in the Senior School is one that is focused on celebrating our Year 12 students who are in the final stage of their secondary education. This week sees the Year 12 students finish classes and move into SWOT VAC, a vital time for them to consolidate the knowledge and the skills they have been working on over the past two years. During this time, students will still be attending school, but they will be completing their examinations and attending revision classes.

We have also been able to have a Year 12 Assembly for the Senior School, which was a wonderful way for the Senior School to send the students off. This assembly was conducted by the Year 12 students and highlighted their creativity, sense of humour and how much they have valued their time at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

On Tuesday 17 October, the Year 12 students had their dress up breakfast and Valedictory celebration. During the Valedictory we, as a school, get to celebrate the success and achievements of our Year 12 students as they complete their secondary education.

We wish all of the Year 12 students the best for their exams and we will be here to support them through these last (often very challenging) few weeks. These next few weeks are full of hard work, nerves and excitement, but every single

Year 12 student has the ability to use these weeks to the best of their ability and work to achieve their very best.

We will miss this cohort of students who have really embraced being a student at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and have left a lasting positive impact, and we look forward to hearing of their future successes.

Stay tuned for more Valedictory photos next week.

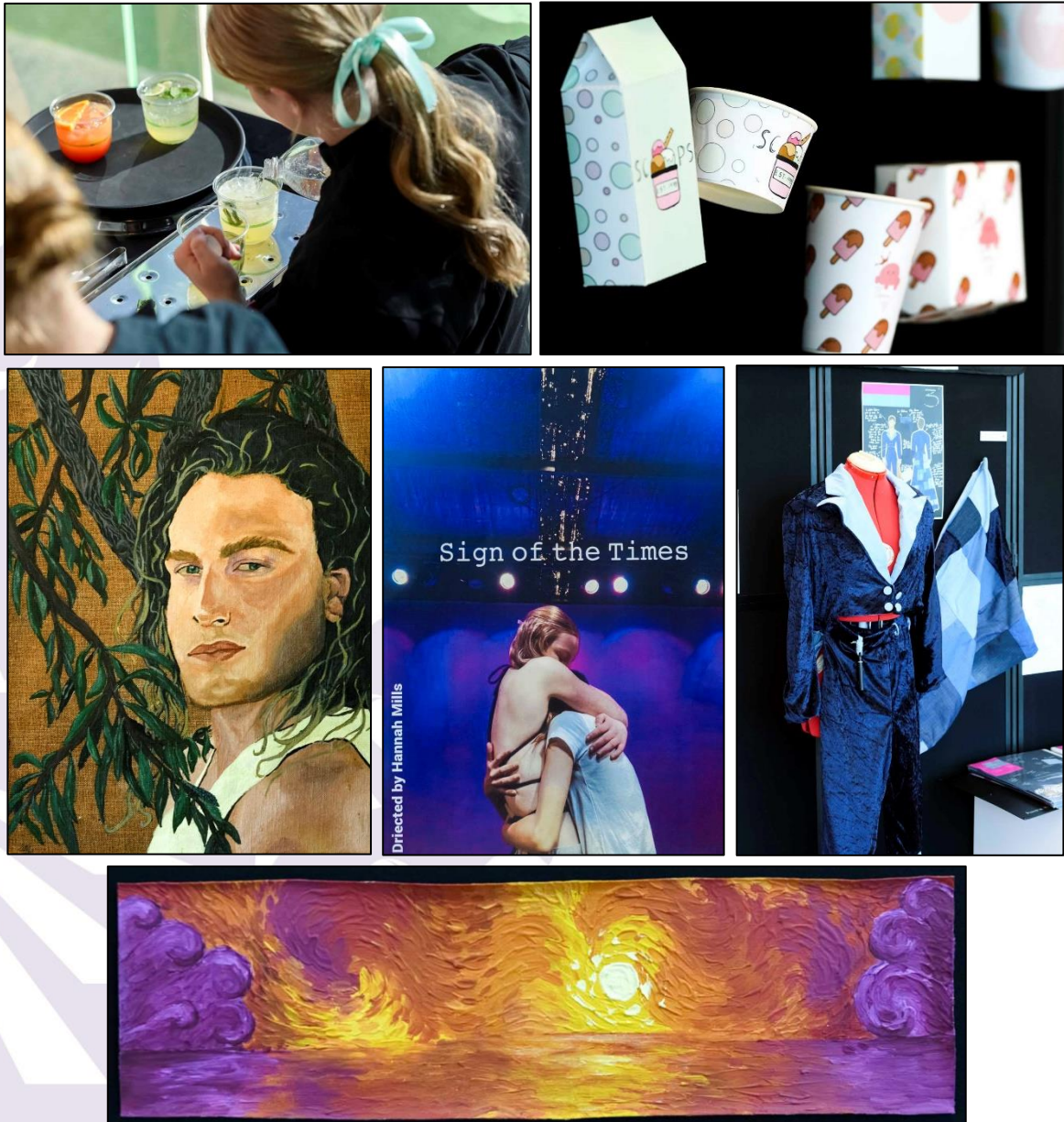
**Mrs Erin Thornton - Assistant Principal: Head of Senior School
& Mrs Natalie Desira – Deputy Head of Senior School**



Senior School News

VCE Showcase

On Monday 9 October, the annual VCE Showcase exhibition opened in the Lou Callow Gallery at Maddingley Campus. This exhibition provides an opportunity for students to share the results of their hard work in Units 3 and 4 of the subject areas: Art, Visual Communication, Systems Engineering, Media and Product Design.



Those who attended the night enjoyed the wonderful live music performances and fresh mocktails served by our enthusiastic Hospitality students. The evening was a chance for families and other students to learn more about the Visual Art and Technology subject areas while enjoying the sophisticated atmosphere of the evening.

As always, there was much work behind the scenes from many staff. A huge thank-you to all the Visual Art, Technology, Music, Hospitality and Food staff who created the exhibition and additionally our fantastic Maintenance and Administration staff. This exhibition continues until Friday 20th October.

Ms Phillippa Loton - Head of Faculty: Art and Technology

Speaker Series

On 12 October, students in Years 9-11 attended the inaugural event as part of the Senior School Guest Speakers Programme at the Maddingley campus. The event brought together Farid Hamid, Aunty Eva Jo Edwards and Josh Robson to discuss 'The Australian Dream.' During their discussion, they explored how the values, opportunities and history of our country can inspire us to reach our full potential.



Farid Hamid is from Singapore and migrated to Australia as a child. His story, transitioning from a prosecutor to his true passion as a diversity facilitator, demonstrated to us how the school values of confidence and ambition can help us throughout our lives.

Aunty Eva-Jo Edwards is an Indigenous woman and a survivor of the Stolen Generation. Her story of rediscovery and guidance in her community show the impact of knowledge and wisdom that her ancestry holds, illustrating how piecing together a past can liberate a Dream.

Josh Robson is a cancer survivor and ironman athlete. Sharing the story of how he trained for a triathlon and battled cancer, showed us how discipline, along with the inspiration from family and friends, can motivate people through some of the toughest times of their lives,

The event showed us that "The Australian Dream" is a broad concept that can mean different things to different people, and how many people work with ambition and discipline to make their dreams a reality. Factors like life experiences, religion, gender, and social class can all contribute to a person's Australian Dream and how they achieve their dream.

The event planted a seed of wondering and hope for the future. What would our Australian Dream be?

Written by SRC Students: Annalise Muir 9C; Danisa Wongmongkol 10C; Pravallika Tripurana 11I

BMG Explorers Club

This term will see the launch of a new and exciting club for Middle and Senior School students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The BMG Explorers Club will motivate students to contemplate exploration and adventure. It will look at explorers of the past and present and investigate what made their adventures so special, how they were able to complete them, and why they are so important for our society today. The Explorers Club will teach and live by its motto,

"Character through Adventure"

The club will deliberately emphasise nurturing the holistic development of our students, integrating our school values, allowing our students ample opportunities to practise virtuous behaviours. The club will also provide students with the opportunity to go on adventures and explore their own possibilities. Club meeting times will be published in the daily bulletin.



Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal Optimal Performance Learning

PE, Health and Sport

ICCES Summer Tour

On Friday the 6th of October, BMG sent just over 100 students to the ICCES Summer Tour in Ballarat. Although the weather threatened all week, it was great to finally have this event return to our inter-school sporting calendar after being disrupted by Covid and poor weather over the last few years. Congratulations to all teams and students for the way they conducted themselves, represented the school and competed in their respective sports. It is wonderful to see the collegiality amongst other ICCES schools. BMG took home 5 shields from the 12 sporting divisions which was a wonderful result:

- Open Girls cricket champions
- Boys 7/8 cricket champions
- Boys 7/8 tennis champions
- Boys 9/10 tennis champions
- Open golf team champions

A special mention to Jorja Adami-Beer (10H) who won the individual golf award.

BMG narrowly missed out on the overall result through a countback to this year's Summer Tour Champions - Goulburn Valley Grammar School. I'd like to thank all the staff who coached teams throughout the last term and worked with our students across both the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses.



Individual Sporting Performances

Congratulations to **Paige Smith 5C** (pictured right) who recently competed in the Australian Taekwondo Victorian State Selection competition, where she medalled gold, resulting in selection to represent Victoria in the upcoming National Championships for Australian Taekwondo. This will be held in Perth in October.



Well done to Ruby Gorton 9E (pictured left) who was recently accepted into the HC Melbourne Futures Squad for field hockey. Ruby will now take part in competition against opposition from New Zealand, followed by a series of matches against Canberra Chill and NSW Pride. HC Melbourne is one of 7 teams in Australia's top Hockey competition.



Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: Health and PE

Junior School News

Head of School Update

Term Four is well underway and it is an exciting and busy term in the Junior School.

Prep – Year Four students have settled well into the term at Maddingley campus with new topics to learn and explore. Term Four is an extraordinary time of growth and adventure, with various camp opportunities tailored to each year level.

Camps are an incredible opportunity for our students to learn, grow and create lasting memories. Each experience is carefully designed to align with the developmental stage and interests of each year level.

With the continued developments of our new facilities around the school, the Junior School is offering students the opportunity to participate in additional activities at lunchtimes.

Ball games with Mr Sher and Mr Reale are scheduled on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes. Students have the option to join their peers to participate in different ball games and additional play spaces outside of the Junior School area. Additional passive activities in which students can participate have been timetabled across the week. Students have the option to join in different passive play activities such as Lego challenges, Chess Club for Year 4 and the Library is open each day for quiet reading time and board games with friends. The passive play timetable for Term Four is located on your child's Schoolbox Family Engagement page.

Please access the Family Engagement pages on Schoolbox to keep up to date with upcoming events for Term Four.

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

Prep

As part of our History and Geography unit on First Nations this term, the Preps from our Maddingley Campus attended Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Geelong. The students were introduced to Aboriginal culture and traditional Aboriginal history by Elder Aunty Kerry. Students participated in a variety of activities. These included boomerang throwing, a guided walk through the cultural garden, and patting and feeding a kangaroo named Jo.



Miss Jaimie Vernon – Prep Teacher

Woodlea Year 2 Camp

The Year Two students set off on their journey to Sunny Stones to experience their first ever camp! The students from 2WA, 2WB and half of 2WC said goodbye to their parents on Wednesday, a beautiful sunny morning. The students from 2WD, 2WE and half of 2WC said goodbye to their parents on Thursday when it was pouring rain!

Canoeing

Wow! The students had to work together to use their paddles when canoeing up and down the lake. This was quite a challenge for some, however, the teachers observed amazing communication skills to try and coordinate the paddling.

Archery

Bullseye! It was amazing to see all students having a turn at archery and trying to hit the targets. They were also following the safety rules and waiting for the signal to pick up their arrows.

Bush cooking

Yum! Have you ever tried cooking chocolate cake on a fire? We have! The students used their spoons to carve out (and eat) an orange. They then poured chocolate cake mixture into their oranges, wrapped them in foil and waited for the cake to cook on the fire. While they were waiting, they were able to enjoy some delicious hot chocolate.

Geocaching

Yay! The students were given a compass to follow directions to numerous locations. They worked together to find items to add to their boxes which earned positive or negative points. The students listened out for the signal to come back to camp where we enjoyed some tasty watermelon, crackers, cheese and tomato.



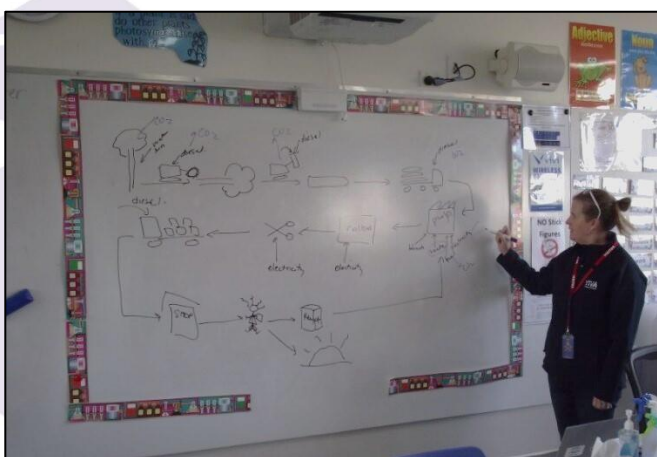
We enjoyed some delicious food while on camp! For dinner, the students had nachos, followed by butterscotch pudding or chocolate mousse with ice-cream. For breakfast, the students could choose from numerous cereals and toppings to put on their toast. We ended the second day with a fantastic BBQ lunch and some freezing cold icy poles before departing for school.

We are so proud of the Grade Two students who persevered through and participated in all the activities provided at the camp.

Ms Ashlee Taylor – Head of Year 2 (Woodlea)

Year 4 Sustainability Incursion

The Year 4 students at Maddingley campus were lucky enough to have an incursion with a guest speaker, Mrs Kristine Slater, a chemical engineer from Viva Energy. Our students spent their Science lesson time over the past week hearing from Kristine about her wealth of experience in the oil, paper and plastic recycling industries. They explored the concept of the life cycles of paper from seed to landfill or recycling plant, and of plastic from oil to landfill, as well as the greenhouse gas emissions and effect on the Earth's ozone layer from this carbon dioxide production. Students compared the energy requirements for paper and plastic production and learnt the benefits and downsides of each, including the lack of a readily available and effective soft plastic recycling program, and the debate between electric and combustion engine vehicles. They finished off the session with an ongoing experiment to observe the effect of biodegradation on a variety of cucumbers, including plastic-wrapped and unwrapped continental cucumbers to observe how plastic can extend the life of the cucumber whilst also reducing the food waste and greenhouse gas emissions caused by the need to produce additional cucumbers to meet consumer needs. The Year Four students thoroughly enjoyed these sessions from Kristine and we look forward to continuing on with our journey of learning in the plastic versus paper debate.



Miss Melissa Pearson – Teacher

Year 2 Information Technology

This term's learning in Year 2 IT at Maddingley Campus will be the culmination of concepts learnt throughout Terms 2 and 3. We have been learning how to code through animations in the ScratchJr application in Term 2, then moved onto Code.org last term using lines of code and learning how to identify bugs in algorithms and debug those lines of code in order for the sequence of actions or events to occur as required. In Term 4, we are experimenting with coding Ozobot robots to follow algorithms to complete a program of code via sensors that detect lines. We are learning how to give the Ozobot instructions through a combination of coloured lines and black lines in sequence to guide our robots around a course, complete a task or knock over some miniature ten pin bowling pins. We are looking forward to the exciting coding challenges coming up for the rest of the year!

Miss Melissa Pearson – Teacher

Health Centre

Hay Fever Season

A reminder that Hay Fever is upon us. If your child suffers from Hay Fever, please ensure that they have been given appropriate medication before school. This will help prevent the symptoms. If you have any queries, you can contact the Health Centre.

Mrs Jo Stanley - School Nurse (RN Div 1)

Music & Performing Arts



At the Junior School Assembly in Week One, students were treated to three inspired musical performances including the Junior School Guitar Ensemble that played 'My Heart Will Go On' by Celine Dion, Aaradhya Joshi in Year One who sang 'Roar' by Katy Perry, and Eleanor Gilford in Year Three who played 'Russian Sailor Dance' by Nancy and Randall Faber. The Junior School Choir and AUSLAN cohort also led the Australian National Anthem at this assembly and are slowly infusing a culture of pride, participation and the Junior School value of respect in our students.

Year Four students are busily preparing for their farewell performance at the final Junior Assembly in December. The cohort will present two pieces reflecting their collaborative spirit and journey into Middle School in 2024.



On the second last day of term, all Prep to Year Four students will participate in the Christmas Concert, showcasing the wonderful singing program delivered in Music Performance classrooms, and the Year Two String Program which provides an invaluable year of expert instruction on the Violin and performance etiquette.

Ms Suzanne Kinsella - Head of Music P - Y9

Bus Update

Due to no after-school activities or classes on a Monday, as of Monday 23 October, all late buses from Maddingley and Woodlea campuses will be cancelled.

Buses will operate as below for the remainder of the term:

MADDINGLEY Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays until 07 December 2023.

WOODLEA Tuesday and Thursdays until 23 November 2023.

PUBLIC BUS TRAVELLERS

It has been brought to our attention by Bacchus Marsh Coaches that there are a lot of students travelling on the public bus service without a MYKI card or credit on their MYKI card. It is compulsory for any student who travels on a PTV bus to pay with their MYKI card. Any student boarding at BMG without a MYKI or credit on their MYKI card could be refused travel on a public bus and parents would be called to collect their child/ren from the school. PTV inspectors will be boarding buses over the coming weeks to check students are travelling with a valid MYKI card. Students who are travelling and have not tapped on can be issued with a fine of up to \$340.00

Monday 6 November 2023

No Private Buses will be operating on Monday 6 November due to the Mid Term Break. Students sitting an exam on this day will be required to make their own way to and from school.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

2023 ICAS Assessments

ICAS certificates have arrived. From next week, the Administration team will begin enveloping and distribute certificates by hand to students in Years 2 to 6 and post home certificates for students in Years 7 to 10.

These certificates contain a log in code for parents to access their child's results portal.

In the meantime, past ICAS participants should be able to access the results portal using your 2022 certificate log in code.

We thank families for their patience.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

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. Upcoming Term Break and Vacation Care information features at the end of the newsletter.

the 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

Woodlea:
woodlea.oshc@yballarat.org.au
0490 490 362

Regular Contacts

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
111 Frontier Avenue
Aintree VIC 3336
P +61 3 5366 4999
F +61 3 5366 4850

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

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

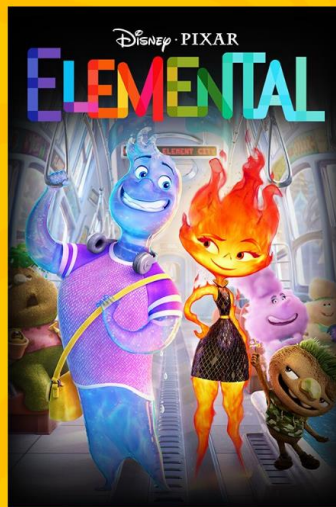


THE GREENDALE CFA FUNDRAISER

DRIVE-IN MOVIE *Night*



FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER
LIMITED TICKETS:
[CFADriveInMovie.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/CFADriveInMovie)



2 FILMS + PRE FILM ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC, FACE PAINTING & FOOD

GATES OPEN 5PM

FILMS AT SUNDOWN

contact: greendaledrivein@gmail.com

*TICKETS MUST SELL



DOOR PRIZES



HEY! WHATCHA READING?

Book Chat for kids aged 8 - 12

Second Tuesday of the month

October 10

November 14

December 12

3.45pm-4.45pm

Lerderderg Library



Love to read?

Share your love with other avid readers, tell us your current fave and maybe even discover your next favourite read! Hear recommendations, reviews and insights from kids your age!

Light refreshments will be provided.

