

BMG NEWS

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The Hive

We are thrilled to announce the completion of The Hive, our Maddingley Middle School classroom facility. Classes officially commenced at the beginning of this term for our Year 7 cohort; the students have settled into their new surroundings and are proud of their new space.

This impressive three-storey building has already proved to be a wonderful new space for students and staff. Our thanks to our Architects McIldowie Partners and KLMS, our builders.

Mr Andrew A Neal – Principal



The Podium

The Joy of Cultural Diversity – Ramadan Mubarak

This week sees our Muslim communities observing and celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. It is a month of fasting, reflection, community and family time. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and has a special significance in Islam. During this period, Muslim communities are encouraged to fast and to give to charity, to show kindness and patience and to strengthen their relationship with God.

We are so fortunate at Bacchus Marsh Grammar to have such multi-cultural diversity at our school. Children growing up in culturally diverse societies encounter a multitude of world views, perspectives and lifestyles on a daily basis. And as staff we play a critical role in strengthening multicultural inclusion in our community by providing an environment where acceptance of diversity, knowledge of other cultures and an understanding of global and local issues can be developed.

Developing this skill is often termed Intercultural Competence. This is also acquired in prolonged intercultural contact and by actively reflecting upon worldviews. School is a critical time for the development of intercultural skills and intergroup attitudes are strongly influenced by social context. Research shows that culturally diverse schools constitute a natural arena for training intellectual skills and do much to enhance the academic standing and results of an institution. Importantly, through cultural diversity, we also develop and grow values that are linked to the culture of our school. Values such as confidence, ambition, kindness and respect are learnt, developed and celebrated in a culturally diverse school.

What a pleasure it is to teach in such a wonderfully diverse school such as Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Let's all celebrate this and continue to find more out about our students, our communities and ourselves.

I wish our whole school community joy, happiness, kindness, and hope that we can all celebrate our multi-cultural diversity together.

Mr Andrew Perks - Deputy Principal Culture and Character Education

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information

The Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The allowance will be paid to the school by the Education Department.

This is applicable to families who hold a valid means-tested concession card such as a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, a Health Care Card, or are a temporary foster parent.

To encourage families to make an application, the School will provide a rebate equivalent to the School Development Levy for those families who submit applications and which are approved by The Education Department.

The CSEF application form can be downloaded below. The form outlines eligibility requirements and needs to be returned to the School by 17 June 2024. Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by Eligibility Date 29 January 2024 or 2nd CRN validation date (for failed CRNs only) 15 April 2024.

Parents that received the CSEF at Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2023 do not need to complete an application form in 2024, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances.

The CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

Ms Sharon de Vries – Accounts

Administration

School Photos

School Photos will be taken in early Term 2 at both Campuses. All students will have official School photographs taken throughout the scheduled School photo days. The photos will include individual student and School Class Group photographs. Unique student ordering codes and the School photo timetables will be communicated to families early in Term 2.

School Photos are scheduled on the following dates:

Woodlea – 22, 23 & 24 April **Maddingley** – 29 & 30 April, 1, 2 & 3 May

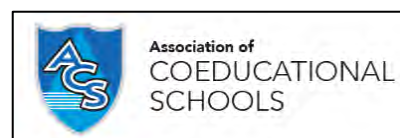
Uniform

Students are required to wear their **Full Winter School uniform**. This includes jumpers, blazers and ties for students in Years 5 to 12, and jumpers and ties for students in Prep to Year 4. It is important that students are well-groomed and neatly presented, including hairstyles, to be in line with the School's uniform policy as outlined in the student diary. A timetable for School photo dates will be placed on Schoolbox when information is sent to parents.

Physical Education, Health and Sport News

ACS Swimming Carnival

The Association of Co-Educational Schools (ACS) Swimming Championships were held on Tuesday 12 March at MSAC. This was Bacchus Marsh Grammar's inaugural event in the ASC inter-school Association and saw 52 students represent the school from both the Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses. Lynette General (9WB) had the honour of being the first BMG student to compete, taking to the pool in the Open Girls 200m Individual Medley. She swam a brilliant race finishing in 5th place against many students in older age groups. BMG didn't have to wait long to achieve its first podium finish, with Benjamin Nolta (12F), displaying a very strong opening swim, finishing in 2nd place in the Open Boys 200m Individual Medley. BMG students continued to swim well throughout the day, ensuring all events were full and they gave their best efforts. It was wonderful to see younger students volunteer to "swim up" to help fill spots in various events.



Congratulations to all BMG swimmers and well done to the following students on their individual performances:

Ella Ward (11J)	4 th in the Girls Overall Individual Swimmer Award 2 nd Yr 11 Freestyle A, 1 st Backstroke A, 3 rd Breaststroke A, 1 st Butterfly, 2 nd Senior 100m Freestyle
Rodney Tang (10H)	6 th in the Boys Overall Individual Swimmer Award 3 rd in Yr 10 Freestyle A, 3 rd Backstroke B, 1 st Breaststroke A, 3 rd Butterfly, 3 rd 100m Intermediate Freestyle
Ben Nolta (12F)	2 nd Open Boys 200m IM, 1 st Yr 12 Boys Freestyle B, 1 st Backstroke B, 2 nd Breaststroke A, 2 nd Butterfly
Pravallika Tripurana (12I)	3 rd Yr 12 Girls Freestyle A, 3 rd Backstroke A, 2 nd Breaststroke A, 2 nd Butterfly
Thomas Smtih (12B)	2 nd Yr 12 Boys Freestyle A, 3 rd Backstroke A, 1 st Breaststroke B
Lynette General (9WB)	3 rd Yr 9 Girls Backstroke A, 3 rd Breaststroke A, 1 st Butterfly
Abbey Smith (8A)	3 rd Yr 8 Girls Breaststroke A, 3 rd Butterfly
Zara Brigham (10C)	3 rd Yr 10 Girls Freestyle B, 3 rd Backstroke B
Tanya Ding (9C)	3 rd Yr 9 Girls Freestyle B
Ethan Bloss (10I)	2 nd Yr 10 Boys Freestyle B
Emma Stewart (11B)	3 rd Yr 11 Girls Backstroke B
Leon Earnshaw (11F)	3 rd Yr 11 Boys Breaststroke B

Well done to the following relay teams for placing top 3:

Year 9 Girls Medley	2 nd place
Year 12 Boys Freestyle Relay	2 nd place
Year 10 Boys Medley	3 rd place
Year 11 Girls Medley	3 rd place
Year 12 Boys Medley	3 rd place
Year 9 Girls Freestyle Relay	3 rd place
Year 10 Boys Freestyle Relay	3 rd place
Year 11 Girls Freestyle Relay	3 rd place

The School finished 5th overall and won the Year 12 Boys Division

Overall Aggregate - Team Scores

Place	School	Points
1	St Leonard's College	2,096
2	Westbourne Grammar School	1,963
3	St Michael's Grammar School	1,638
4	Overnewton Anglican College	1588.50
5	Bacchus Marsh Grammar	1555.50
6	Loyola College	1,369
7	St Aloysius College	514

We look forward to BMG's next competition on the ACS calendar, the ACS Athletics Championship.



The successful Year 12 Boys team – Thomas Smith, Ben Nolta, Anthony Jovic and Jake Parton with Principal Andrew Neal.

ICCES Badminton / Table Tennis Coach Awards

The ICCES coach award is presented to the team member that displays the spirit of the ICCES competition and demonstrates the school values through their performance both on and off the playing field/court.

From the ICCES Badminton & Table Tennis Competition held at MSAC, the following students have received the coaches award and will be presented with their medal at the upcoming SS and MS assembly.

ICCES Boys 7-9 Table Tennis <u>Viraj Singh 8D</u>	ICCES Boys 10-12 Table Tennis <u>Aneruddh Nandakumar 12E</u>
ICCES Girls 7-9 Table Tennis <u>Gurbani Nehal 7A</u>	ICCES Girls 10-12 Table Tennis <u>Haasini Manchana 10H</u>
ICCES Boys 7-9 Badminton <u>Purv Upadhyay 8H</u>	ICCES Boys 10-12 Badminton <u>Askay Tayal 12 H</u>
ICCES Girls 7-9 Badminton <u>Ananya Nanakumar 9H</u>	ICCES Girls 10-12 Badminton <u>Joanne Joseph 11D</u>

Mr Bryce Durham – Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Western Ranges Division Swimming Carnival

Well done to all the students that qualified for the Western Ranges Division Swimming Carnival and represented the school proudly on Tuesday, 12 March.

Please see below the results from the day:

9/10 Girls Lillah Roberts, 3rd Butterfly	9/10 Boy Freddy Carroll, 1st Butterfly & 2nd Backstroke
11 Girls Paige Smith, 1st Backstroke	11 Boys Chase Hildebrand-Brown, 3rd Butterfly
12/13 Girls Akikat Brar, 3rd Breaststroke Charlotte Fragapane, 2nd Backstroke Celeste Peroulis, 3rd Backstroke	12/13 Boys Charlie Berbecaru, 2nd Freestyle Harris Lovett, 2nd Breaststroke & 3rd Freestyle Mitchell Durovic 1st Butterfly

Relays:

2nd Open Girls Medley

Akikat Brar / Nikita Fry / Celeste Peroulis / Paige Smith

3rd Open Mixed Medley

Charlie Berbecaru / Mitchell Durovic / Chase Hilderbrand-Brown / Harrison Lovett

3rd 9/10 Mixed Freestyle

Anothony Cannizzaro / Freddy Carroll / Thomas Jacobson / Jimmy Kent

2nd 12/13 Girls Freestyle

Sehaj Dhaliwal / Charlie Metcher / Celeste Peroulis / Iyla Robinson

2nd Mixed Freestyle

Charlie Berbecaru / Mitchell Durovic / Harrison Lovett / Jacob Purchase

A special mention to Freddy Carroll on breaking the Western Ranges 9/10 Boys Butterfly Record.

Congratulations to the students who finished either 1st or 2nd in their individual events, they have now qualified for the Western Metropolitan Regional Swimming Carnival which will take place on Tuesday, 26 March at Kardinia Aquatic Centre.

Mr Matt Harris – Sport and PE Administrator

Woodlea P-6 Physical Education Spotlight

It has been an excellent start to the year in Physical Education. Students have been engaged in a diverse range of activities aimed at enhancing their fundamental movement skills. For Year 3-4 students, this included participating in both track and field events in preparation for the Junior School Athletics Carnival where students will represent their new houses. Meanwhile, Prep to Year 2 students have focused on improving their throwing and catching abilities through enjoyable rotations. We encourage students to continue practising these skills at home, as they are fundamental to various sports.

Woodlea Junior Physical Education Teachers



Middle School News

Year 8 Camp Review

The first day of camp was a tiring yet memorable bike ride. The start was a breeze but the uphill proved to be challenging. A steep downhill made us walk for a while but it was followed by a fun downhill slope. When we arrived at the campsite we set up our tents and then watched a wildlife show. The students of 8F and 8G had the opportunity to hold many native Australian animals including a snake, a baby crocodile, a sugar glider, the cutest baby wombat and even a frog! We had fun cooking on a Trangia and during the night walk we saw so many stars.

For our second day we went to Anglesea which was gorgeous. The number of times we fell off the paddle board was



uncountable and I won a canoeing race. The snorkeling was so much fun - maybe the best beach activity. The rock pools were beautiful. The nacho dinner was interesting, but we got a generous amount of ice cream for dessert. We had about an hour of free time and then played torch hide and seek.

The last day was a nice walk in the Anakie Gorge. The views were mesmerising and the bus ride was refreshing. Overall, Year 8 camp was a very memorable experience.

Haneet Mahal and Ishani Purohit (8G)

Year 8 camp was an emotional rollercoaster. The 1st day was a relatively tough bike ride through the You Yangs but the view was worth it. Once we made it to the camp site, my group put up the tents and helped our neighbouring students to do theirs. Once we were done, we watched a wildlife show that featured: birds, snakes, turtles, bats, crocodiles, frogs and the star of the show, a koala that was called Chuck. Once the show was finished, we were briefed on the remainder of the day and an hour later we started cooking our dinner on a Trangia.

Day 2 we had to get up early and a long bus ride later we were at Anglesea. My group started with snorkelling; sadly there was nothing we could find. Next it was stand up paddle boarding. It was tough jumping up and down to go under bridges, but all round it was very fun. Then we did canoeing which was relatively fun but coordinating as a group was difficult. Finally, we went back to camp and had dinner which was pretty good.

Day 3 started with a rush to pack up, but once we did it, it was smooth sailing right to the Brisbane Ranges. At times on the hike it felt like we were going in circles, but eventually we met up with the buses and were taken back to school concluding an all-round good camp.



Joel Cassar (8I)

Year 8 Camp Photos Continued



Junior School News

Year 1 Maddingley

What an incredible day our Years 1's experienced at Staughton Vale last Friday! The weather couldn't have been more perfect and it set the stage for a day brimming with fun activities.

Our young artists made the most of the sunshine, using their new watercolour pencils to create stunning landscapes of the picturesque surroundings.

Friendships were strengthened as students enjoyed a wide array of sports equipment and games.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the sensory scavenger hunt, where students explored Staughton Vale armed with magnifying glasses. Their excitement was high as they shared their discoveries with each other.

As the day drew to a close, our exhausted and happy Year 1's were sad to leave. All agreed it was a fabulous day of fun and learning.



Mrs Narelle Bens – Head of Year 1



Woodlea Junior School

Junior School students at Woodlea engage in weekly lessons, in which they explore the School values and discuss the importance of these in building and maintaining a positive school culture. One of these core values is 'Leadership'.

Learning leadership skills equips students with the tools they need to navigate challenges, collaborate effectively, and make a positive impact on their communities. From communication and teamwork to problem-solving and decision-making, these are abilities that extend far beyond the classroom walls, shaping future leaders in every facet of life.

In an exciting project, some of our students have been busy designing logos reflecting our School's value of leadership. Through their colourful creations, our junior students showcased a clear understanding of what leadership means within our school community. These logos serve as vibrant symbols, capturing the essence of leadership in simple yet

meaningful ways. It's heartening to see our young learners embrace the concept of leadership with such creativity and enthusiasm, and demonstrating their readiness to lead by example and have a positive impact.

Here are some examples of their creative visual representations of what it means to be a leader.



Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School and
Ms Courtney Williams – Deputy Head of Junior School

Woodlea Junior School Assembly

The Week 6 Junior School Assembly began with a rich rendition of the Australian National Anthem, led by the Junior School choir who graced the stage with over 50 students!

Aadwika Dan also performed singing 'Better when I'm dancing' by Meghan Trainor, and showcased a lovely vocal tone and composure beyond her years.

Aayush Sridharan and Anahat Brar presented a duo performance at the assembly, singing and playing percussion with their new twist on the highly popular song, 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons.



All performances were infused with the Junior School values of Confidence and Ambition.

Well done to our Junior School performers!

Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Music: P to Y9 Woodlea

Koala sighting at Staughton Vale

A big thank you to Ash Bryant who managed a koala sighting at the Staughton Vale Campus on Tuesday. For those students who have been for a bush walk on Grandma's Gully, the koala was sighted in the gum trees on the Medicinal Trail.

With strategic tree planting and support by our local Landcare Branch, the Staughton Vale Campus is currently able to boast land corridors which encourage the native fauna onto the property.

So, the next time you visit Staughton Vale, make sure that you keep an eye out for some of the amazing species that inhabit our wonderful campus.



Mr David Gorton - Director of Student Engagement / Head of Staughton Vale Campus

BMZ Club

A woman named Clara Zetkin (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. Since then, International Women's Day has been celebrated to signify the cultural, social, economic and political achievements of women around the world. It provides an opportunity to recognise, reflect and reminisce on prior hardships, limitations and challenges that we have overcome, whilst simultaneously providing women across the world with a time to reflect on the progress achieved as a society and future milestones that are yet to be achieved.

This year's campaign is to #InspireInclusion, aiming to create a more inclusive world for women, fostering a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment. So let's take this opportunity to truly celebrate the women in our lives and show them how much you appreciate them through simple acts of kindness and highlighting their achievements. Forge a better future of inclusion and empowerment for the women around you.

For more information, please visit: [International Women's Day 2024 \(internationalwomensday.com\)](https://internationalwomensday.com)

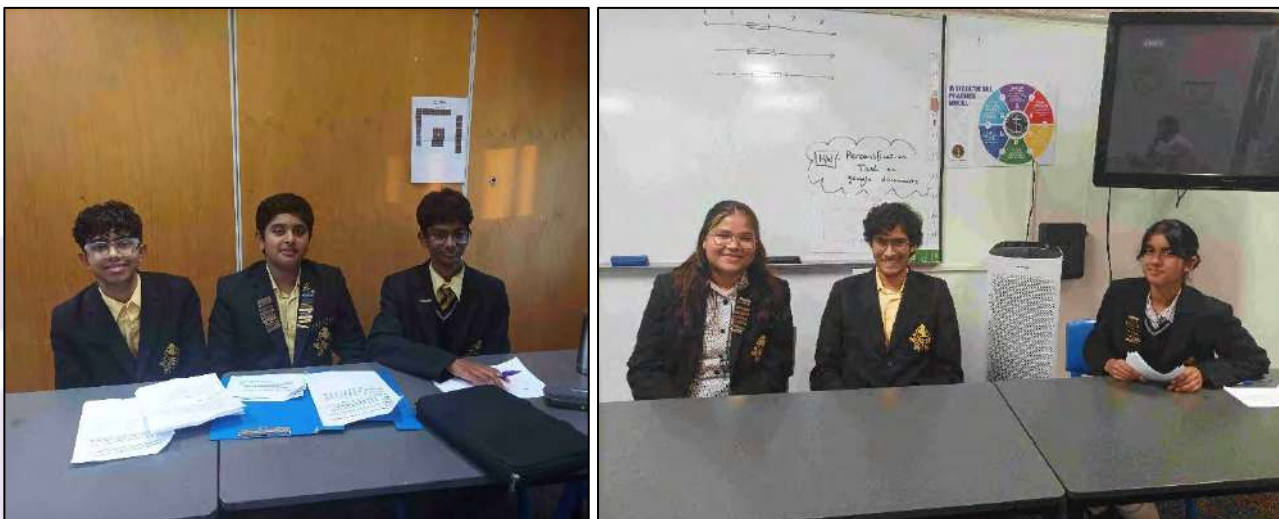
The BMZ Club at Maddingley meets every Monday and all new members are welcome.

Ms Caitlyn Stephen – BMZ Club/Assistant Head of Year 7 Maddingley

Woodlea DAV Debating Competition

Our two debating teams participated in their first DAV Interschool Debate last Tuesday with the topic of 'Schools should ban contact sports.' Team 1, consisting of Emil Joseph, Areeba Azam and Yashita Garg were victorious over Emmanuel College, and Team 2, consisting of Tharul Abeyratne, Surya Sureshkumar and Ayan Agastya Tripathy experienced a narrow defeat to the Islamic College of Melbourne.

Each team worked hard to develop well-researched and articulate arguments. It was a pleasure to watch the debates and celebrate the effort of our hard-working students.



Mrs Lee Tadic – Woodlea Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

Bus News

End of Term Bus Arrangements

Due With the end of Term 1 approaching, both Maddingley and Woodlea Campus will be dismissed at 2.20pm on Thursday 28 March 2024

Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier to coincide with the earlier finishing times. Country and public buses will depart as per the times set out below.

The buses below will be departing 30 minutes

earlier at 2.50pm:

Blackwood

Cameron's Road

Ballan/Hallet's way

Blakeville

The Eynesbury Public bus will depart at 3.20pm

The buses below will be departing at the normal time

of 3.20pm:

Town Services

Swan's Road

Holt's Lane

Hopetoun Park

West Melton

Kurunjang.

Toolern Vale

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Scholastic Book Club

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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.

Diane Dunn (Maddingley) and Feona West (Woodlea) - Scholastic Book Club Coordinators

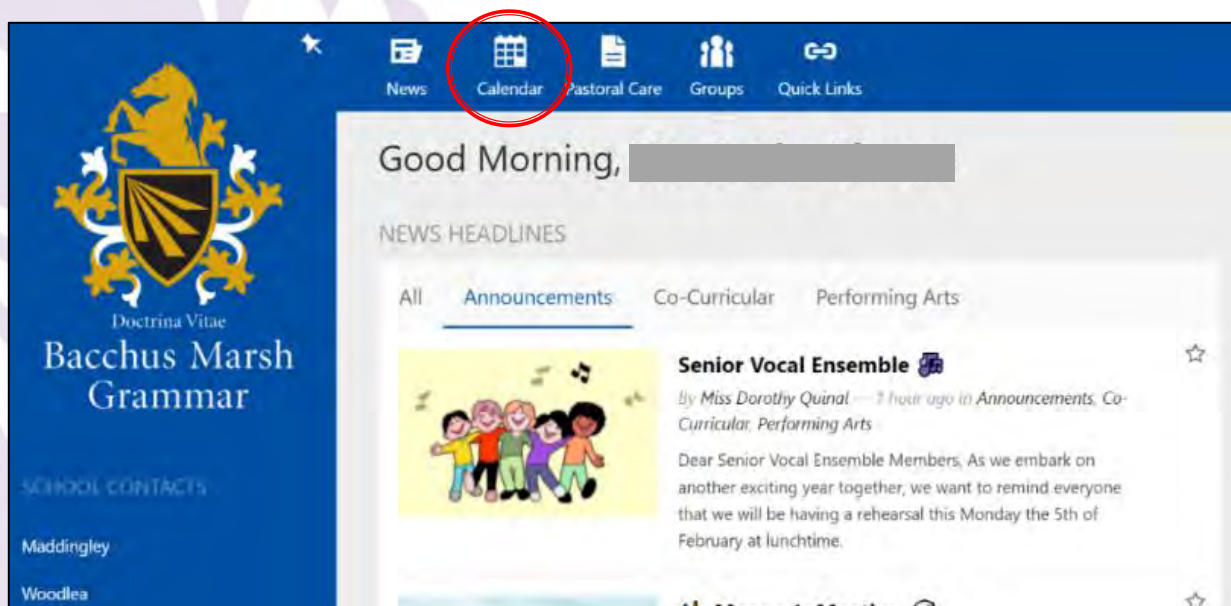


2024 Term Dates

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

Events Calendar

We wish to inform our School Community that previous listing of upcoming events on the **Events Calendar via the school's website will gradually** cease, with all upcoming events featuring on the Schoolbox Calendar for both students and parents/guardians to view.



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 can be found on the YBallarat website listed below.

Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

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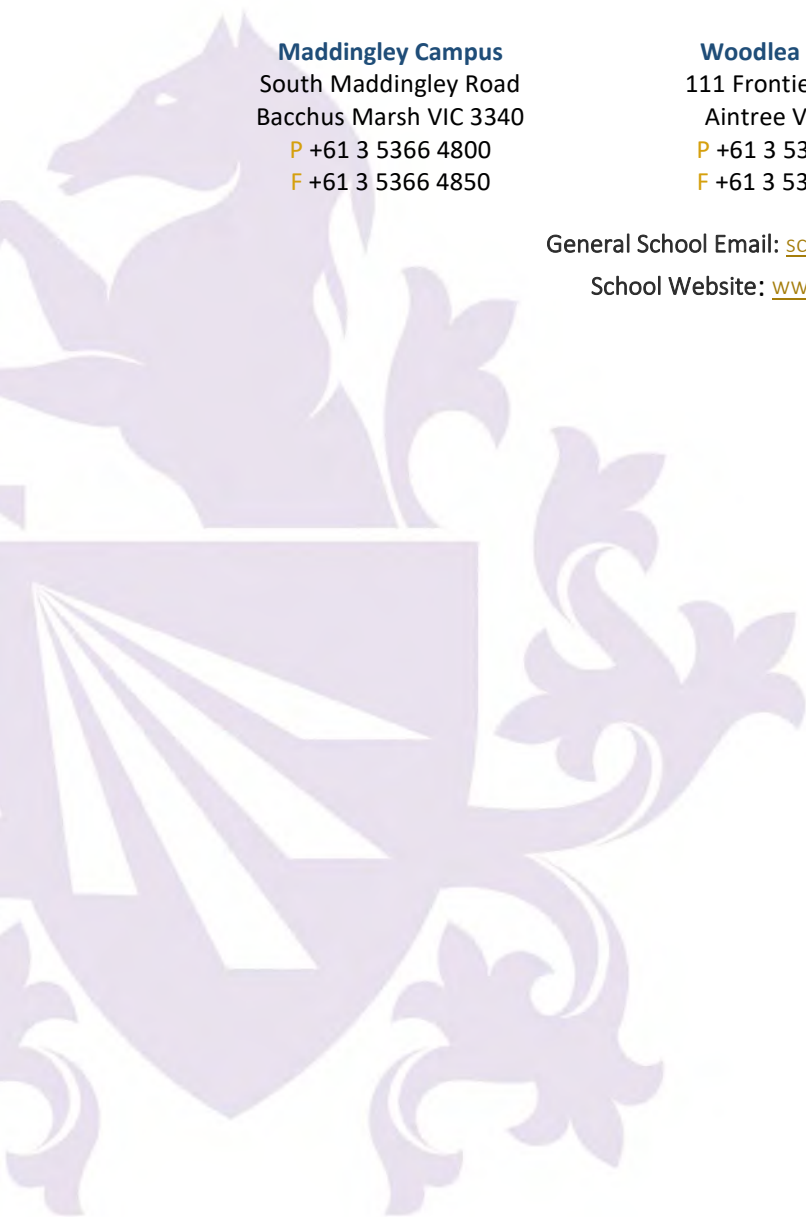
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**Bacchus Marsh Grammar School
(John Leaver Gymnasium)
37 Sth Maddingley Rd, Maddingley**

**Wed 20 March
7.00 pm**


INFORM & EMPOWER

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources

Register to come along:
bit.ly/bacchus2024



Martin McGauran
Primary School Teacher
& Cyber Safety Educator



Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to
3 school-aged kids



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Tell us what you feel about these issues:

→ **West Gate Tunnel soil**

→ **Transmission Towers**



Survey Link:

www.tinyurl.com/local-issues-survey

Project Title: Connections between local issues and wellbeing

Who this survey is by: Psychology researchers from Deakin University and the University of Melbourne

Who can do the survey: Anyone aged 18 years or older who: Lives in Moorabool Shire (including Bacchus Marsh) *OR* owns a property in Moorabool Shire *OR* works or studies in Bacchus Marsh *OR* has children or grandchildren attending school in Bacchus Marsh.

What is involved: Filling in an anonymous online survey, which will take around 18 to 25 minutes to complete. The survey will ask about your feelings and views on some local issues, including the former West Gate Tunnel soil issue and the proposed high-voltage transmission towers.

People who complete the survey can have the chance to win one of twenty \$50 Coles-Myer vouchers.

Ethics approval: This study has received Deakin University ethics approval (ref number: HEAG-H 142_2023).

Further information & survey: www.tinyurl.com/local-issues-survey

Please also **pass these details on to anyone else** you think may be interested in taking part.