

The Podium

Character Education and the BMG Inspire Program

This year, the Year 9 and 10 Students have been involved in the “BMG Inspire Program” at both the Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses. The program has a distinctive Character Education component aiming at developing student flourishing in line with the schools Character Education Framework. One common element of effective character education programs is the intentional direct teaching about character and the related concepts (Berkowitz, 2011). Within the Inspire Program, this is achieved through explicit character teaching, supplemented character education curricular, use of teachable moments (current events, behavioural incidents etc.) and scenario-based discussion. The Inspire Program approaches the teaching of character through the building of:

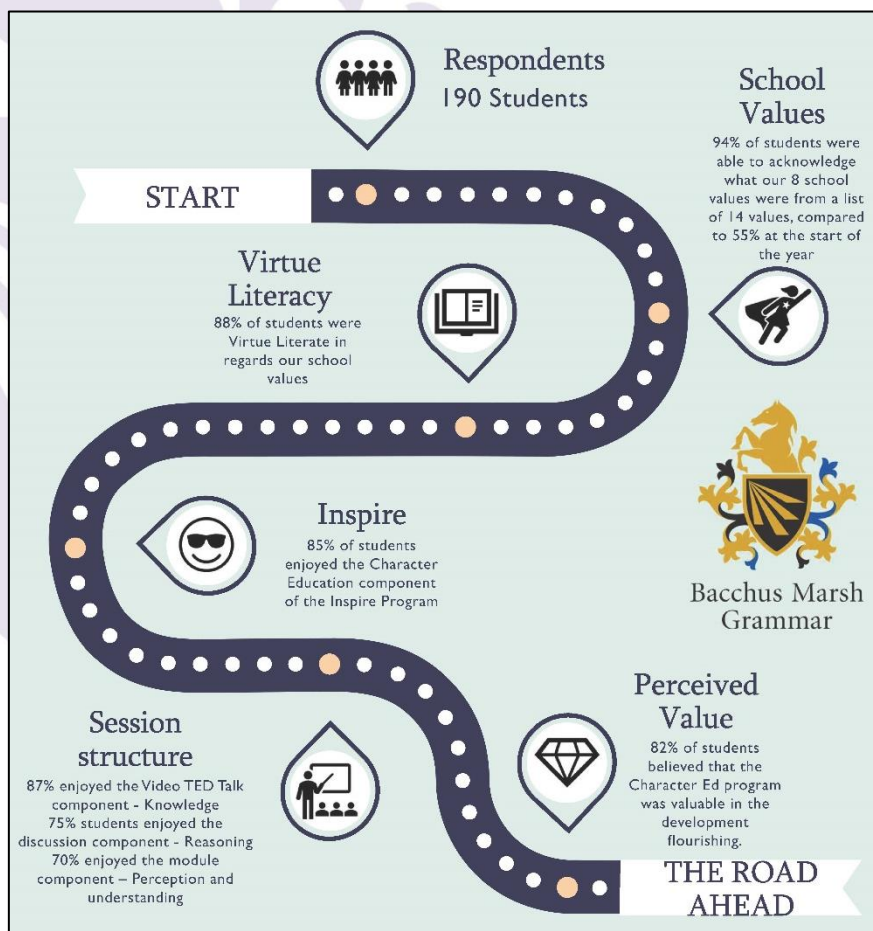
1/ Virtue Knowledge

2/ Virtue Reasoning

3/ Virtue Practice

In its initial year, the Inspire Program has concentrated on the development of virtue knowledge of which virtue literacy

is key. There are two key stages in developing virtue literacy. The first is developing a knowledge and understanding of the terms and secondarily the ability and willpower to apply the virtues in real life contexts. Within our Year 9 and 10 program students have engaged in activities that have enabled them to become virtue literate and in turn begin the process of virtue reasoning and practice. The following infographic from our Year 10 cohort highlights data that indicates students increasing Virtue Literacy and in turn taking the first steps in the Character Education journey.



**Mr Andrew Perks – Assistant
Principal: Culture and Character
Education**

Mid-Term Break and Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

A reminder that the school will be closed at both campuses on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 November. Students return to school on Wednesday 6 November.
Due to the short week, there will be no newsletter next Friday.

Year 12 Dress Up and Valedictory

Stay tuned for photos posted to Schoolbox soon!



Student Success at the Bacchus Marsh Flower and Garden Show

Congratulations to the staff and students who entered the annual Bacchus Marsh Flower and Garden Show on the weekend of 26 and 27 October. Run by the local Rotary, this year's annual contest was the biggest yet, with more than 100 entries compared to the previous year.

The Bacchus Marsh Flower and Garden Show is a popular annual event in Bacchus Marsh. Celebrated for its vibrant display of flowers and plants, it draws garden enthusiasts, local families and tourists. The show featured an array of floral displays, plant sales, gardening workshops, and competitions for the best blooms and garden designs. The event also provided educational opportunities, with experts sharing tips on sustainable gardening, floral arranging and seasonal planting.

With over 50 entries in the competition from all three campuses, we were able to achieve prizes in multiple categories and even a prestigious "Best in Show" award.

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar achievements were as follows:

Middle and Senior School

Photography (Junior): Jayden Varghese (Year 9) – Best in Show

Garden Produce (Junior): Ruby Gorton (Year 10) 1st Place, Bella Griffiths (Year 10) 2nd Place, Omika Ratayani (Year 5) 3rd Place

Junior School

Recycled Object: Milla Borg (Year 4) 1st place, Elodie McMillan (Year 4) 2nd place, Binal Kohli (Year 4) 3rd place, Ayesha Ahmid (Year 4) Highly Commended

Fairy Garden: Saatvik Dwarampudi (Year 2) Highly commended, Lavanya Kadian (Year 3) 1st Place

Colouring In: Shaurya Jain (Year 2) Overall Junior Winner, Scarlett MacKenzie (Year 4) Overall Senior Winner, Naunidh Guraya (PWA) 1st place, Bella Avati (Year 4) 2nd place, Harsimar Dhot (Year 4) 3rd place, Neev Jain (Prep) 3rd place, Layla Cannizzaro (Year 3) 3rd place

Crazy Critter Diorama: Noah Korr (Prep) 2nd place

Succulent Creature: Noah Korr (Prep) 3rd place

Decorated saucer: Noah Korr (Prep) 3rd place

Show Box Garden: Paravbir Singh Pahwa (Year 3) 1st place, Esleen Kuar Pahwa (Year 3) 3rd place

Beautiful bird made from veg seeds nuts etc: Esleen Kuar Pahwa (Year 3) 3rd place

Best Lemons: Luke Gorton (Year 1) 2nd Place

Photography (Junior): Anhad Guraya (Year 4) 1st Place, Elizabeth Strange (Year 4) 3rd place



ELC

Cut Flowers: Wattle Class 2nd Place

Staughton Vale

Garden Produce: 1st Place

Garden Produce: 2nd Place

Australian Natives: 1st Place

Broad Beans: 3rd Place

Vegetables: Highly Commended

In addition to these student entries, there were also a number of staff and independent student winners on the day too! The School's success at this annual competition demonstrates that we are a school that embraces horticulture, supports students in finding a passion, and fosters a love of being "green fingered".

Should you wish to get involved in horticulture at school, please contact Mr Gorton for more details.



Mr David Gorton – Head of Staughton Vale Campus/Student Engagement

Junior School

Maddingley

Year 1

Our Year One students have been immersed in the magical world of Fairy Tales! Over the past few weeks, they have been learning about the key elements that make up a fairy tale, such as good versus evil characters, magical settings, and happy endings. Students have explored classic tales like Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty, Rumpelstiltskin and The Frog Prince, identifying the common features that make these stories timeless.

Now, it's time for our young authors to create their own fairy tales! With imaginations running wild, students are busy brainstorming ideas, inventing their own characters, and thinking about the magical elements that will bring their stories to life. From enchanted forests to talking animals, the creativity on display has been truly inspiring.

This exciting writing project allows students to apply what they've learned about the structure of fairy tales while developing their writing skills. We can't wait to see the magical stories they create!

Fairy Tale Title	
Beginning	Fairytale Character(s)
Setting(s)	Fairy Tiara Princess Diana
When: Once upon a Time	
Where: in a magical castle	
Middle	
Problem:	She got kidnapped Fairy Tiara got lost eat Apple got sick stuck in a thorn bush
Fantasy/Magic	
Plot	
Solution:	

Sleeping Beauty	
Beginning	Fairytale Character(s)
Setting	once upon a time
When:	once upon a time
Where:	in a magical castle
Middle	
Problem:	the prince and princess got married
Fantasy/Magic	
Plot	
Solution:	

**Mrs Narelle
Bens – Head of
Year 1**

Woodlea

Exploring Beyond the Classroom: Engaging Opportunities in the Junior School

In the Junior School, we're committed to providing students with a range of rich experiences that go beyond traditional classroom learning. Term 4 is a busy term filled with stimulating excursions, incursions, immersive camps and our much-anticipated visits to Staughton Vale; each activity offering hands-on learning opportunities that strengthen real-world connections to our curriculum. These experiences allow students to see learning in action—whether it's a science lesson brought to life in nature, history unfolding at a heritage site, or personal resilience tested through outdoor learning experiences.

These opportunities are carefully planned to align with the curriculum, supporting our academic goals while also encouraging active learning. For example, our excursions are closely linked to science, humanities and health subjects, offering students practical insights into the topics they study in class. Camps and visits to Staughton Vale, in particular, allow students to explore concepts such as sustainability, teamwork and problem-solving in ways that resonate deeply, building their knowledge in contexts beyond the classroom.

Beyond academic benefits, these activities play a crucial role in developing well-rounded individuals. Excursions, camps, and team-building exercises help students learn valuable social and emotional skills—whether through collaborating with peers, building resilience or navigating challenges with confidence. They encourage personal growth, foster friendships and support a sense of belonging, all of which are vital for developing the 'whole child.'

By embracing a learning environment that extends into the wider world, the Junior School supports every student in growing as curious, capable and considerate individuals. These experiences lay foundations that will benefit our students academically and socially throughout their educational journey.

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

Middle School

Year 7 Staughton Vale

Year 7 Maddingley students have been learning about ecosystems and introduced species in their Biological Science unit this term. As a part of this learning, they recently visited the Staughton Vale Farm campus and participated in various activities throughout the day, bringing their learning in the classroom to life by applying it to real world scenarios.

The students participated in a workshop exploring the effects of introduced species on native ecosystems. Focusing on introduced species found in Victoria, students investigated how and why these species were introduced and the impact they had on other species already living in the area. They also learnt about what is being done to help support native species populations affected by introduced species.

Students also completed a Scavenger Hunt during the day which challenged their knowledge of biological concepts learned in class. They collected evidence of biotic and abiotic factors, created a food web and found a native and an introduced tree, among many other things, to score the most points in their group.

Well done to all students who participated in these activities. It was a very fun couple of days for all involved!



Miss Sarah Thomson – Head of Science: Maddingley

Senior School

Maddingley

History



Earlier in the month, we were delighted to have Emeritus Professor Richard Broome visit Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Richard is an expert in his field of Australian History and is the Series Editor of the texts we use. He is also a great supporter of Australian History being taught at the senior level in schools.

Richard spoke to our Unit 3&4 Australian History students, as a kick-start to their revision program prior to the examination. He provided some excellent insights into the Frontier Wars between Indigenous Australians and British settlers from 1788. He was also most gracious in signing the textbooks of those who wished to get the signature of such an iconic educator and historian.

It was our pleasure to be able to host him for lunch, where he met several members of our Leadership Team, including Mr Neal.

Ms Celia Patterson – VCE Australian History Teacher

VCE Geography Unit 2 Tourism Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Our VCE Geography Unit 2 students recently took part in an immersive fieldwork experience at Melbourne Zoo, exploring the intricate environmental, economic and cultural effects of tourism. This excursion provided a unique behind-the-scenes look into the daily operations and strategies of Zoos Victoria, offering students valuable insights into how a major organisation leverages data and strategic planning to foster sustainable tourism and wildlife conservation.

During their visit, students explored the multifaceted impacts of tourism on local and global scales and investigated how tourists can be encouraged to support conservation efforts. They also observed the zoo's initiatives aimed at reducing environmental footprints while enhancing economic viability and socio-cultural value. Through guided observations, students learned how Zoos Victoria gathers, sorts and processes data to make informed, impactful decisions.



The hands-on activities allowed students to practice essential fieldwork skills, including data collection and analysis. By gathering primary data on-site, students evaluated Melbourne Zoo's management strategies, examining how they contribute to environmental sustainability and responsible tourism. This engaging fieldwork day was a fantastic opportunity for our budding geographers to experience real-world applications of their studies and consider how tourism can be harnessed as a powerful tool for positive environmental outcomes.

Ms Claire Higgins – Speakers Program Coordinator

Exam Timetables

Maddingley

VCE Exam timetable – All exams will take place in L Block. VCE LOTE Exam locations: TBC

Times	Wednesday 13 Nov	Thursday 14 Nov	Friday 15 Nov	Monday 18 Nov	Tuesday 19 Nov	Wednesday 20 Nov	Thursday 21 Nov
9.00am till 12.30 (or until exam finished)	English Unit 1 & 2	Environmental Science Unit 1 & 2 Health and Human Development Unit 1 & 2 Mathematical Methods 1&2	Art Making and Exhibiting Unit 1 & 2 Business Management Unit 1 & 2 Indonesian Unit 1 & 2	Dance Unit 1 & 2 Legal Studies Unit 1 & 2 Physics Unit 1 & 2 Product Design and Textiles Unit 1 & 2 Product Design and Wood Unit 1 & 2	Biology Unit 1 & 2 Economics Unit 1 & 2 Systems Engineering Unit 1 & 2	Accounting Unit 1 & 2 Drama Unit 1 & 2 French Unit 1 & 2 Psychology Unit 1 & 2	Chemistry Unit 1 & 2 Hospitality Unit 1 & 2 Politics Unit 1 & 2
12.45pm till 3.00pm		Physical Education Unit 1 & 2 Specialist Mathematics Unit 1 & 2 Exam 2 Visual Communication Design Unit 1 & 2	English Language Unit 1 & 2 Geography Unit 1 & 2 Literature Unit 1 & 2	General Mathematics - Unit 1 & 2 Exam 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 1 & 2	Mathematical Methods Unit 1 & 2 Exam 2	Empires Unit 1 & 2 Year 9 Applied Computing Unit 1 & 2 Food Studies Unit 1 & 2 History Modern Unit 1 & 2 Japanese Unit 1 & 2	General Mathematics - Unit 1 & 2 Exam 1 Specialist Mathematics Unit 1 & 2 Exam 1

Year 9 and 10 Exam Timetable - All exams will be held in the Gym excluding LOTE exams (TBC) and some specialty exams.

Times	Wednesday 13 Nov	Thursday 14 Nov	Friday 15 Nov	Monday 18 Nov	Tuesday 19 Nov	Wednesday 20 No	Thursday 21 Nov
Period 1&2	Chemistry - Pre VCE English Year 9	Australia and the World Wars VisComm Year 9 CAD and CAM Design Environmental Pre VCE Indonesian - Pre VCE Indonesian - Year 9 PE - Advanced Fitness	Germany in the 20th Century - Pre VCE Mathematical Methods 10 French - Year 9 Japanese - Year 9 PE - Sports Performance - Year 9 Textiles Design - Year 9 Textile Design – Fundamental	Food for the Future Forensic Biology PE/Health - Year 9 Physics - Pre VCE	Biology - Pre VCE Housing Design and Technology Wood Technology Year 9	Accounting and Economics Developmental Psychology - Year 9 Psychology - Pre VCE Wood Design – Furniture Physics and Chemistry – the study of light and matter. Year 9	Mathematical Methods Year 9 PE/Health Year 10

Period 3&4							
Period 5&6	English 10 English Language Pre-VCE Ethics - Year 9 Food Year 9	Australian History Human Geography: Urban Management Understanding Food Hospitality-Café	Advanced Mathematics Year 9 Dance - Year 9 Health and Disease Psychology Year 10 The Business World Art Year 10 II Digital Art and Photography - Year 9 Computing Games Programming - Year 9 French - Pre VCE Japanese - Pre-VCE Media Studies Year 10	General Mathematics - Year 9 English - Literature - Pre VCE	General Mathematics 10 Science Year 9	Conflict in Asia Mathematics advanced - Year 10 Mechatronic System Personal Finance Flight Year 9 Music Performance year 9 & 10 PE - Injury Prevention and Control	Australian Politics and Legal Studies Computing-Games Programming Drama - Year 9 Global Citizenship and Democracy Visual Communication Design I PE - Outdoor Recreation and Sustainability Year 9

Middle School Exam Timetable – All exams will be held in the Gym excluding LOTE exams.

Times	Wednesday 13 Nov	Thursday 14 Nov	Friday 15 Nov	Monday 18 Nov	Tuesday 19 Nov	Wednesday 20 Nov	Thursday 21 Nov
Period 3&4	Year 8 English	Year 8 LOTE Year 7 English	Year 7 LOTE Year 8 History or Geography	Year 7 Science Year 8 Maths	Year 7 History or Geography	Year 7 Maths	Year 8 Science

Woodlea Gym Exams

Times	Wednesday 13 th Nov	Thursday 14 th Nov	Friday 15 th Nov	Monday 18 th Nov	Tuesday 19 th Nov	Wednesday 20 th Nov	Thursday 21 st Nov
Period 1&2	9 ENG 10 CHEM - Pre-VCE	7 ENG 9 WOOD 9 ENV SCI - Pre-VCE	8 GLOBAL S. 9 TEX	9 D. ART & PHO 9/10 HOS - Café 10 - PHY - Pre-VCE	9 BIO - Pre-VCE	9/10 PSY - Pre-VCE 9/10 CAD & CAM	9 MM
Period 3&4	8 ENG	8 FRE	7 FRE	7 SCI 9 GM	8 MATH 9 C. in ASIA 9/10 H&D	8 SCI 9 PF 10 PF	7 MATH
Period 5&6	10 ENG 7 GLOBAL S.	9 AUS HIS 9 VCD	9 PE/H. 10 MM	9 P. of AVI	9 SCI	9 PE - ORS 9 PHYS L & M	

VCE – E4 (Extended Times)

Times	Wednesday 13 th Nov	Thursday 14 th Nov	Friday 15 th Nov	Monday 18 th Nov	Tuesday 19 th Nov	Wednesday 20 th Nov	Thursday 21 st Nov
9:00 - FINISH		ENV SCI 1&2 HHD 1&2	BM 1&2	LEG 1&2	BIO 1&2		
12.45pm - 3:00				GM 1&2 Exam #1	10 GM		GM 1&2 Exam #2

E1 & 2 Exams

Times	Wednesday 13 th Nov	Thursday 14 th Nov	Friday 15 th Nov	Monday 18 th Nov	Tuesday 19 th Nov	Wednesday 20 th Nov	Thursday 21 st Nov
Period 1&2			9 JAP {E1} 9 FRE {E2}				
Period 3&4		8 JAP {Open}	7 JAP {Open}				
Period 5&6		10 JAP {E1} 10 FRE {E2}					

Physical Education, Health and Sport News

Athlete Spotlight – Elite Sports Program Maddingley

Gemma Reid (10E) recently travelled to Europe to represent Australia and compete in the Junior World Karate Championships held in Jesolo, Italy. She put up an impressive performance losing to the eventual Silver medallist from Egypt and finishing with a ranking of 9th in the world. While overseas, she also participated in the Ostia Open in Italy, finishing in third place and taking home the bronze medal.

Gemma joined Bacchus Marsh Grammar earlier this year with the ambition of training within the Elite Sports Program at the Maddingley Campus. Since becoming a student-athlete in the program, she has benefited from a structured training regimen, working through progressive 4-6 week training blocks designed to enhance her lifting techniques, strength and power



development. The program has also helped her refine warm-up routines and gain vital knowledge of recovery methods to support her training and competition efforts.

Additionally, as part of the Elite Sports Program, Gemma has received further support from the WestVic Academy of Sport and Deakin University. WestVic has provided personalised musculoskeletal screenings and hosted a 'Nutrition for Performance' workshop for the athletes. Through BMG's partnership with Deakin University, final-year Sports Science students have been placed at the Maddingley campus to complete their 140 hours in Strength & Conditioning, using their expertise to assist elite athletes like Gemma.

Gemma is an exceptional role model for her peers and has made the most of the training opportunities offered throughout the year. We look forward to seeing her continued development in karate and hope she continues to compete at the highest level, with future opportunities to represent Australia on the world stage. Gemma now has her sights set on the Junior Worlds in two years' time which will be held in Morocco.



ICCES Summer Tour – Coaches Awards

Following the school's recent Summer Tour victory, the ICCES coaches have nominated their respective coaches award for each sport. The ICCES Coaches Award is selected by the team coach based on a student's adherence to the BMG values and the ICCES spirit displayed through their sport. Congratulations to the following students for receiving this year's ICCES Summer Tour Coaches Awards. They will receive their respective medal at an upcoming school assembly.

Team	Student Name
Cricket (Y7/8 Boys)	Harry Blanks (8B)
Cricket (Y9/10 Boys)	Luay Miraz (9F)
Cricket (Girls Open)	Gurbani Kaur Nehal (7A)
Golf (Mixed Open)	Harvey Lewin (7H)
Softball (Y7/8 Girls)	Haifa Muhammad (7F)
Softball (Y9/10 Girls)	Alana Durovic (9C)
Tennis (Y7/8 Boys)	Neel Krishna Pranag (7WC)
Tennis (Y9/10 Boys)	Ajneya Jain (9WE)
Tennis (Y7/8 Girls)	Hardeep Khangura (7WA)
Tennis (Y9/10 Girls)	Gauthami Thota (9F)
Volleyball (Y7/8 Boys)	Nathi Chote (8WB)
Volleyball (Y9/10 Boys)	Jackson Baldacchino (10I)
Volleyball (Y7/8 Girls)	Anika Tran (8C)
Volleyball (Y9/10 Girls)	Mikayla Tito (9D)

AFL Superkick Footy Clinic

Our Year 4 students were treated to a lunchtime footy clinic run by AFL Victoria last Friday that focussed on developing the fundamental skills of AFL and the introduction of the modified game 'Superkick'. This complimentary clinic was conducted by AFL Vic coaches and further developed our student's knowledge, skills and game play within the sport of AFL. We thank the AFL Vic coaches for coming to the Maddingley campus and conducting an engaging clinic for our students.



Individual Sporting Performance

Congratulations to Austin Shea (8B) who recently competed in the Victorian Championships for Gymnastics in Geelong! Austin delivered some outstanding individual performances, securing 1st place in Bars and 5th place on Vault. Additionally, her team achieved 1st place overall in the team event.



Makenzie Copland (10J) and Jai Copland (12F) recently competed in the BMX Australian Championships held in Perth. Both had lots of racing packed into their trip to WA. Makenzie made the Semi in 15 Girls, just missing out on the final. She then raced in the Women's Jnr Superclass the next day and made it right through to the finals, coming home with a 7A plate under the watchful eye of big brother Jai, who coached her from the sidelines.

Jai, unfortunately, had a major crash during practice on the Pro straight, requiring medical attention and had to be stretchered off. The medics checked him over and cleared him for racing, however, his injuries were too significant and he had to withdraw from the event. Jai will use his time to prepare for the Grands in the USA at the end of Nov after he finishes his Year 12 exams.



**Mr Bryce Durham –
Head of Faculty:
Physical Education
and Health
Maddingley**

Music

Woodlea Middle/Senior House Music

On Thursday, 24 October, students from Years 5 to 10 took part in the highly anticipated Woodlea Middle/Senior House Music. The students showcased their talent and school spirit across various performances, each representing their respective Houses.

The event was divided into two categories: Years 5-7 and Years 8-10. In the Year 5, 6 and 7 category, Toolern House emerged victorious, earning a total of 164 points with Shenaya Kaloti (6WC, Pyrites) achieving first place. In the Years 8, 9 and 10 category, Lerderderg House took the lead, earning 153 points with Ashvika Biradar (10WA, Kororoit) claiming first place. Additionally, Confidence Awards were given to Sajjal Dhillon (5WB, Dale) and Saketh Morusupalli (9WE, Toolern), recognising their dedication and inspiring performances.

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and enthusiasm, and making this event a memorable and uplifting occasion for the Woodlea community.

Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Performing Arts and Music: Woodlea



VCE/VET Music Performance Examinations

On Friday, October 18, six of our VCE/VET Music Performance students made the journey to Ballarat High School for their final performance examinations in front of a panel of VCAA Assessors. This was a significant moment as it's the first time in over a decade that BMG Music students have taken their exams off-site.

Despite the rainy weather on the Western Highway, the day unfolded smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Keisha and Katrina Tau, Alara Carey, Chloe Lang, Luke O'Hara and Madelyn Hunter for their exceptional performances, talent and professionalism.

A special thank you goes to Jack Lantieri, Dorothy Quinal, Riley Pittard and Dean Thomas for their invaluable support throughout the day, helping to ensure the students' success.

Valedictory Performances.

On Tuesday, 22 October, our 2024 graduates celebrated their Valedictory Ceremony in the gym. The occasion featured an energetic performance of "Back on 74" by Jungle, delivered by the Senior School Choir under the direction of Miss Dorothy Quinal and accompanied by Mr. Kevin Lam on piano.

As the ceremony drew to a close, our Unit 4 VCE/VET Music Performance students—Keisha and Katrina Tau, Chloe Lang and Madelyn Hunter—took to the stage to deliver a heartfelt rendition of ABBA's "Slipping Through My Fingers," adding a unique and emotional touch to the evening.

We extend our gratitude to the Senior School Choir and our talented VCE/VET Music Performance students for their contributions to the ceremony. A special thanks also goes to Mr. Lam and Miss Quinal for their dedicated work with the Choir, as well as to Andrew Rogers, Jack Lantieri and Riley Pittard for their assistance throughout the evening.



Mr Troy Westgarth – Head of Music: Maddingley

Returning Hire Instruments for 2024

A reminder to all students who are enrolled in our 2024 Instrumental Music Program and will be withdrawing from our program next year. Please return your Hire Instruments to your current instrumental music teacher before your last lesson for the year. Thank you.

Mrs Lorraine Peel - Administrative Assistant: Music

Administration

ICAS

Further to [previous communication](#), the ICAS certificates have arrived for distribution. These certificates contain a login code for parents to access their child's results portal.

The Administration team will work through distribution of these in the coming fortnight, dependent on available resources.

For those students in Years 2 to 6, certificates will be distributed by classroom teachers. For students in Years 7 to 10, certificates will be posted from the Maddingley Campus. We thank families for their patience.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive

Co-Curricular

Poetry Competition

Student Poetry Competition 2024: Young poets share moments of wonder

Independent Schools Victoria Student Poetry Competition was held in Term 2 with the theme of 'awe.' Awe is the feeling we get in the presence of something vast that challenges our understanding of the world. It may evoke a sense of mystery and wonder, such as the feeling associated with watching the sun rise over Uluru. Awe can also be found in daily life events such as seeing a stranger give food to a homeless person or watching a spider weave a delicate web.

This year's Student Poetry Competition has set a new record with over 850 entries and more than 100,000 words submitted, and with students from Foundation to Year 12 across Victoria sharing their creativity.

We'd like to congratulate BMG students who took part this year.

A big congratulations to Arabella Riepsamen – Year 9. Arabella was crowned one of the winners for her poem, 'In My Jeans.' Well done to Samaira Venkat (Year 9), who received an honourable mention for her poem, 'My Defence' and Sachee Sevak (Year 7) for also receiving an honourable mention for your poem, 'With You.'

You can view the winners on the website: [Student Poetry Competition 2024 Winners](#).

Keep a look out for next year's Independent Schools Victoria Student Poetry Competition details.

Rufaro Zivave – Coordinator: Debating and Public Speaking 9 to 12

Health Centre

Butterfly Foundation is inviting all young people aged 12 - 18 to share their views on body image and what needs to change to create a more Body Kind Australia. The annual Body Kind Youth Survey is voluntary, anonymous, online and ethics approved. It takes around 15 minutes to complete and requires parental consent for under 15's.

A better understanding of the body image experiences of young Australians will help Butterfly help more young people to be kinder to their body, so please encourage your child to take part. They can enter the draw to win a gift voucher when they participate. Closing date, 29th November 2024. To find out more and to access the survey [click here](#).

The Health Centre Team

Library

Book Club News



Christmas is coming!

The Issue 7 of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue is out now. Click on the link below to go to the “How to order” page.

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

Check out all the wonderful books available and place your order and have it delivered to your home well in time for the Festive Season.

Scholastic also has a “Get up to 3 free books” in this issue plus a \$5 promo code for Issue 8.

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

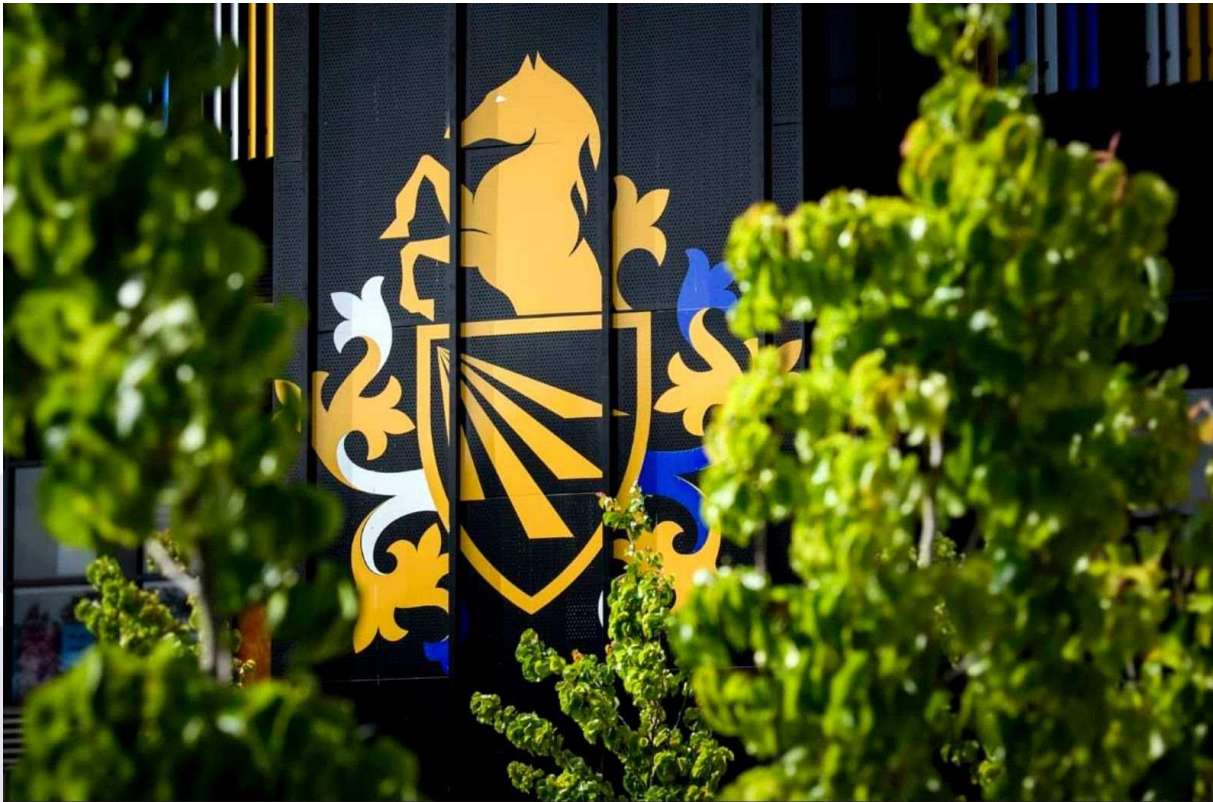
Bus and Transport Updates

Mid-term Break: Monday 4 November

No private, public or country buses will be operating Monday 4 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

Alumni – Celebrating 10 and 20 Years!



BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR
ALUMNI

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024
5.30PM TO 7.30PM

CELEBRATING 10 & 20 YEARS
GRADUATES FROM 2014 & 2004

WE WELCOME YOU TO SHARE THIS WITH OTHER STUDENTS FROM
YOUR GRADUATING YEAR AND ASK THEM TO REGISTER WITH THE
BMG ALUMNI

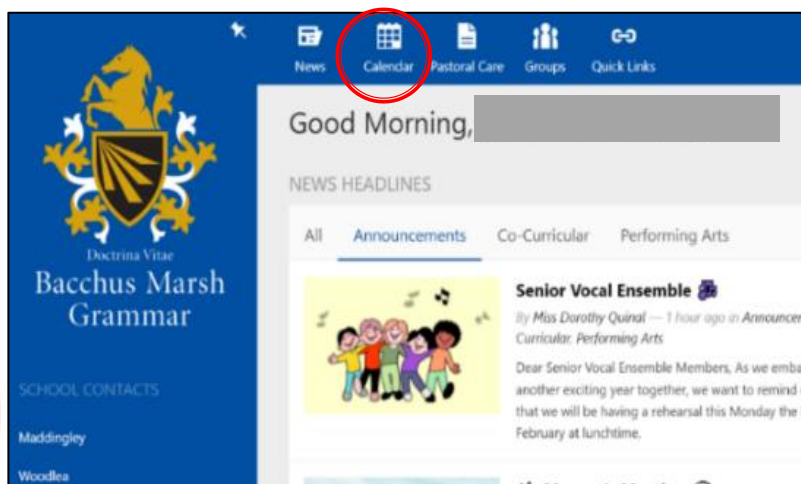
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2024 & 2025 Term Dates

Both the 2024 and 2025 Term Dates are published on the [school's website](#).

Events Calendar

All upcoming events feature 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/>.

The on-campus uniform shop will be closed for the first week of school holidays and reopen in the second week of school holidays with the below hours:

Monday 30 September	10.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 2 October	10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 4 October	10.00am – 2.00pm

Health Centre

New Contact Method for Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centre

We would like to inform all parents that the Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centres have transitioned to using mobile phones as the primary means of communication with parents. This change is intended to streamline and improve the efficiency of our communication.

Contact Information:

Maddingley Health Centre Mobile Number: 0409 660 290

Woodlea Health Centre Mobile Number: 0448 281 290

Please save these numbers in your contacts to ensure you can easily recognise calls from the health centres.

Families can still reach the Health Centre through Reception if they wish to do so.

We encourage all parents to update their contact lists and ensure that these numbers are accessible. This change aims to provide a more direct and prompt communication channel between the Health Centre and parents. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Health Centre Team

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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Woodlea Early Learning Centre

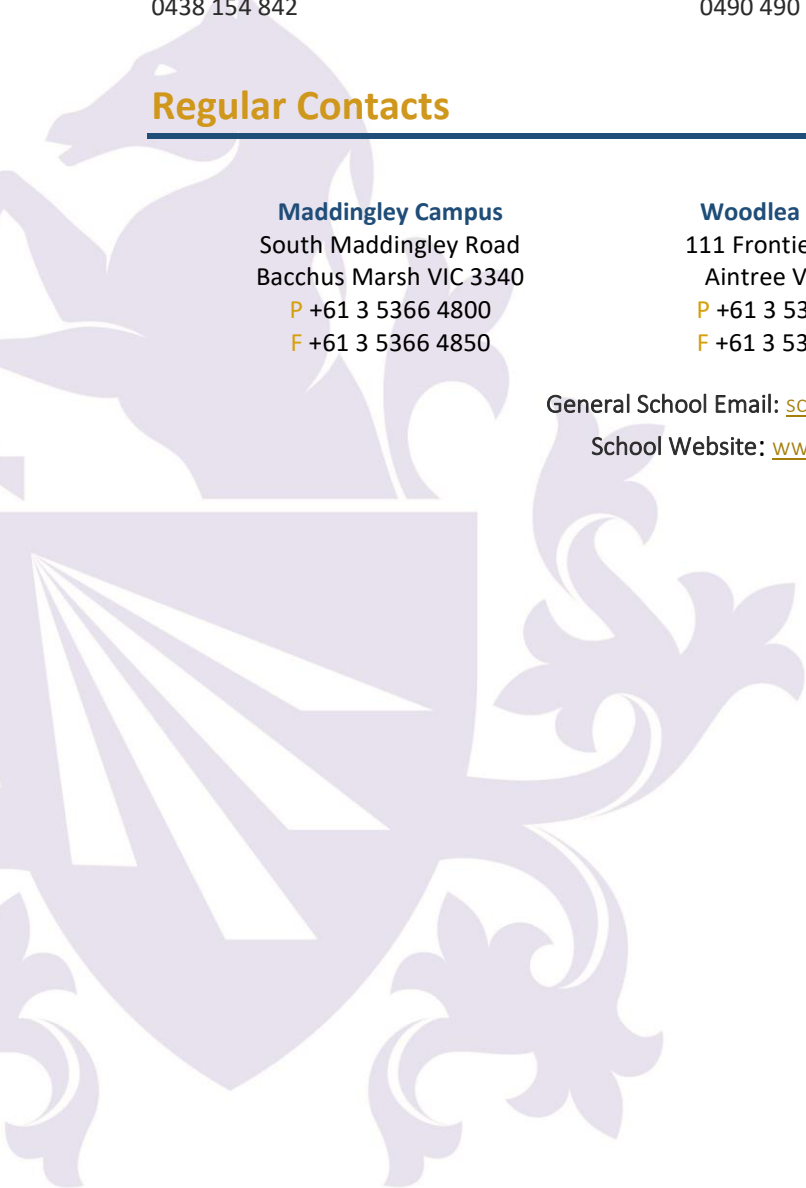
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7 TIPS FOR MANAGING EXAM STRESS

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OUT.COM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Stay organised with to-do lists and study timetables



Give them time off chores and non-urgent family stuff

Take regular study breaks



Encourage them to keep doing the activities they did before exams

Have a dedicated study space



Help them set up a study space and make sure the rest of the family understands

Have a long term goal



Chat with them about what they want to do after exams

Get as much sleep as possible



Remind them to go to bed at a regular time each night

Remember your health: eat well and stay active



Go on study break walks with them and try to cook wholesome meals

Talk to the people around you



Make a time to chat to them and let them vent