The Energy Students Bring

It’s always good to get a new school year underway. There’s the excitement of the first day for the new year group and the new students and then, the second day, when all the students arrive, and we feel the College come to life. Certainly in the week and a half before, there’s not so much the sense of the imminent arrival of the students and the energy that brings. There’s empty buildings and classrooms. It’s more the challenge of bringing focus to the myriad matters that need to be discussed, agreed on and brought to fruition in plans. When the students arrive the rhythm and life of the school, that students appreciate and respond to, takes hold. The new year, renewed optimism and familiar routines in the short first week carry us into the second week, when serious classwork begins.

Our appreciation to all parents and guardians who have ensured their son/daughter was so well-presented and ready for school. Thank you for your continued confidence in the College. We promise, we will work for the best care and education of each of our students every day of this school year.

School Photo Days

**Monday 1 February:** Year 12 and sibling photos

**Wednesday 3 February:** Years 7 - 11 photos

A reminder to parents, guardians and students that Monday and Wednesday are photo days.

We expect all Senior (Year 10 to 12) boys to wear their tie on this day for class and individual photos. All students should ensure that their hair and uniform is neat and tidy.

**Online Ordering:** To place your order online visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code BE8 ALD NKB.

**Envelope Ordering:** Photos can be purchased using the envelope, distributed to students on Thursday. Students should give their envelopes directly to the photographer. If you are ordering online there is NO need to return the envelope.

Sibling Photos

Sibling/Family Photos may be ordered online (closes 12:00am photo day) or via the Sibling envelope (available from SAO).
At the Kortum, Reedy Creek Road lights DON’T RUSH THE ORANGE LIGHT on exit.

When turning right from Reedy Creek Rd DON’T BLOCK THE COLLEGE EXIT and DON’T BLOCK THE INBOUND REEDY CREEK LANES.

We will invite a police presence if parents continue to rush the orange light or block traffic lanes at this intersection. This is dangerous behaviour for all and does not gain anyone any faster entry or exit. An accident will jeopardise life and will close the entry/exit to the schools.

As motorists learn together how to get the best use of the facility we will also learn what adjustments might assist as we continue to manage traffic and assist drivers. For example, we (the supervising staff) sense that as fewer parents look to park during peak times, the drop-off/pick-up gets more efficient. If that’s so, people should avoid parking during peak.

We ask College parents to drop off their sons/daughters at 7:30am-8:15am and to delay arrival for pick up to 3:15pm.

The Primary School have asked their parents to arrive 8:25am-8:50am and are considering Prep and Year 1 finishing earlier in the afternoon.

SAFETY THE PRIORITY

Safety must be everyone’s priority. Change plans if time is of the essence for you. For example:

1. Drop-off at 7:30am-7:45am and Pick-up at 3:30pm.
2. Car pool with neighbours, family or friends.
3. Have your child research online at www.surfside.com.au/school-services/ using the School Planner. (or www.koaalakoaches.com.au/school-services.php for students from Tallebudgera Valley). On a ‘Go Card Concession’ from my home its $1.96 each journey. (You may need to drop and pick up your child at a bus stop for this depending on where you live.)
4. Don’t book appointments after school pick-up before 4:00pm.

Welcome New & Returning Staff

We are delighted to welcome

Mrs Rachel Evans – Home Economics/Science/Religion (returning)
Ms Rachel Carey – French
Ms Ellie Davis – Maths/Science/Religion
Mr Les Eastham – Design Tech – Industrial
Ms Eryn Gower – English/Religion
Mrs Philippa Marr – Design Tech/Food & Industrial
Ms Lauren Mitchell – Support Teacher Inclusive Education

Uniform Expectations

Students whose presentation does not meet our expectations have been spoken to about our requirements. These are detailed in the Student Record Book. Senior Students who have not attended to the matters raised by Monday will be sent home. Students in other year levels who don’t meet requirements by Wednesday will be sent home.

Chris Noonan
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR CURRICULUM

A further welcome back from me personally to all students, but in particular, to all those in Year 10 who have now commenced the transition into their Senior schooling; to the Year 11 students who have fully commenced their senior schooling and to the Year 12 students who have their most important final year of secondary studies. I look forward to working with each of you directly and in a variety of ways.

Student Timetables

Students were issued with timetables as per their requests and we trust these reflect accurately the choices they made last year. Students may come and see me directly if there are concerns with their timetable. All students may request a subject change up until the end of week 3 of any semester. After that, students must remain in their classes for the semester.

Assessment Schedule

We will electronically publish an assessment calendar at the end of week 3. This will list every assessment item for every subject for the semester. Students should print this, highlight their particular subject choices and place the document in a prominent place. While there is the occasional necessary alteration to dates or assessment details, these nearly always remain as published.

Exam Blocks

There are exam blocks each term for Year 11 and Year 12. Students are extended the privilege of only attending school for their set exam period. The schedule for the exam block is published each term a week prior to the commencement of the first exam. Check the school calendar for dates of these. Students completing a VET subject which requires the completion a competencies must also attend during exam block, until their class teacher records completion of these competencies for that unit of work.

Good luck to all senior students as they commence with their important studies. I trust that this is a successful and productive time for you all.

Peter Shaw
Assistant Principal Senior Curriculum

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CURRICULUM

Welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to the new families who have joined us this year. I hope everyone had a restful break and now ready to take up many opportunities for involvement, growth and learning here at the College. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who ensured that the students were so well presented and prepared for the start of the year.

School Routines

Some students find change in routines difficult and making the transition to a new school challenging. It may be dealing with more academic demands and changing social circle or just coping with new teachers. It is important that parents know that this is not unusual but please contact the College if you have any concerns.

Junior Curriculum

The curriculum in Junior Secondary prepares students for the demands of Senior Secondary but more importantly as life long learners. Subjects that we provide for the students must reflect this. In Year Eight, all students study a term of Information and Communication Technology but also Digital Technology is one of the electives. We are pleased that we could extend our Advanced Sports Program and have introduced OzTag as an option in the Year Nine and Ten program. We have very experienced teachers and sportsmen, Matt Geyer and Brett Smith who will be leading this program.

Communication

Further information about what is coming up this term is in the newsletters, please mark the important dates in your diary and make sure that we have correct contact details so that we can keep you informed.

To you and your family, welcome to the College Community, have a good year and please don’t hesitate to contact me, if you need any assistance.

Marie Hansen
Assistant Principal Junior Curriculum

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal will enable easy access to information about happenings in the school, forms that need to be returned, names and contact details for staff, policy information and much more.

There’s also a special section to allow you to check the details we have recorded in our enrolment system about your children, if necessary advise us of any changes.

You can also check on information about your child is attendance, teachers, timetable, NAPLAN performance and (coming soon) report cards.

We will be making increasing use of the Parent Portal to provide a range of information to parents in the future.

The initial login requires you to verify your identity and setup a password.

Access Parent Portal from the Quicklinks Section of the College website

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The Transition to High School
The transition from primary to high school is a pivotal time for students and parents alike. It is a challenging yet exciting time where great physical, social and emotional development occurs for adolescents. Also, it is an opportunity, with parental support, to build resilience and independence.

Common worries children may experience when transitioning to high school:
• Being late to class
• Making new friends
• Having different teachers
• Remembering their timetable
• Having too much homework
• Work becoming more difficult

Tips for easing the transition:
• Have a morning routine
• Maintain full school attendance
• Remind your child that forging friendships takes time and friendships can often change
• Have a designated study space set up for your child (well lit, tidy desk)
• Listen to your child’s concerns. Be supportive and non-judgmental
• Instill confidence that he or she can do this and adjusting to a new environment can take time
• Remember that nerves for the first few weeks are normal
• Challenge unhelpful thinking and encourage more helpful ways to view situations and challenges
• Emphasise the importance of school, studying, and completing homework tasks
• Talk to your child about key people in the school they can talk to if they need assistance (i.e. Year Coordinator, Guidance Counsellors)

More information can be accessed via this website:

Madelaine Lawlor
Guidance Counsellor
A short but super start to 2016 saw the student Leadership team participate in a Refresher program on Wednesday. It allowed them to reaffirm their position as student Leaders, their duties, responsibilities and commitment to one another and the Marymount Community.

Their first action was to welcome the Year 7s and other students new to Marymount College this year. Then time was spent in vital discussion for the preparation of events such as the Swimming Carnival, Valentine’s Day and the Opening Liturgy. Our thanks to staff who gave up their time to establish a mentoring process with the Leaders in their various Captaincy roles.

We wish our student Leaders every success for an eventful and fulfilling year.

The class of 2016 returned on Thursday to a warm welcome and of course much information about College expectations and a reminder that as Year 12s, they are now the leaders of the school and importantly, role models for those in the younger grades.

Parent Support

We remind parents and guardians to help support the students by ensuring that they comply with the school policy on wearing the correct uniform, observe appropriate behaviour, ensure regular and early daily attendance and demonstrate a positive attitude towards their studies.

Year 12 Group Photo

Year 12s will have their class photo taken on Monday as well as individual shots, Family and Pastoral groups. Everyone is expected to come dressed immaculately.

Students will be called to the Doyle Centre at the relevant time. For any queries regarding Year 12 matters, please give us a call.

Matt Carroll and Irene Scott
Heads of Year 12.
AUDITIONS: Extension Dance Program

Auditions for the Extension Dance Program (Senior and Junior) are being held over the next two weeks.

The Extension Dance Program is intended for experienced dancers who wish to strengthen their skills by participating in intensive workshops and challenging routines, predominantly in contemporary and also jazz styles. The Senior Extension Group is for highly experienced dancers, who have been dancing at a very challenging level, over many years. The Senior Extension Program will be run during the sport time on a Thursday for Terms 1-3.

All students auditioning for Dance Extension MUST select another sport on the intranet, until the final list of those successful is published.

Only a very limited number of students from a variety of year levels will be selected for the Senior Extension Dance Team.

The Junior Extension Program is for students from Years 7-10 who are experienced in dance and are currently enrolled in at least two classes at a studio, or have demonstrated a strong level of ability following previous dance studies. The Junior Dance Team rehearses from 3:05-4:00pm on a Thursday afternoon.

Both the Junior and Senior Extension Dance Teams will be competing in eisteddfods throughout the year.

Students interested in auditioning must attend the attached workshops and audition sessions in Dance Studio. Girls are to wear ¾ tights, bike pants or shorts with tights and boys can bring shorts to dance in. As the audition will be contemporary, students can wear bare feet or other dance footwear, if desired.

Students selected for the Senior Extension Dance Team will be notified on 10 February and until then all students must select and trial for another competitive sport that is listed on the intranet. All students offered a place in the Junior Extension Team, classes will commence on Thursday 11 February at 3:05pm in Dance Studio.

Dancers who have auditioned in 2015

Students who auditioned last year, are NOT required to audition again. Those students who have already been accepted into the Junior Extension Dance Program, classes will also commence on Thursday 11 February at 3:05pm in Dance Studio.

Shona Press
Head of Dance

| Dance Extension Auditions: All auditions will take place in Dance Studio (E17) |
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| Date | Time | Year Level | Audition Routine |
| Tuesday 2 February | 12:45-1:10pm | Years 10, 11, 12 | A series of corner work and short audition routine (contemporary) will be taught. |
| Wednesday 3 February | 12:45-1:10pm | Years 7, 8, 9 | A series of corner work and short audition routine (contemporary) will be taught. |
| Thursday 4 February | 12:45-1:10pm | Years 11, 12 | Audition in small groups based on set contemporary routine. |
| Friday 5 February | 12:45-1:10pm | Year 9, 10 | Audition in small groups based on set contemporary audition routine. |
| Monday 8 February | 12:45-1:10pm | Year 7, 8 | Audition in small groups based on set contemporary audition routine. |
| Tuesday 9 February | 12:45-1:10pm | Final call/catch up for those absent | Audition in small groups based on set contemporary audition routine. |
| Wednesday 10 February | 10:30am | List of selected students posted outside Dance Studio |
2016 VET STUDENT INDUCTION SESSION

All students enrolled in certificate/diploma level course/s delivered here at school or by an external provider will be required to attend the 2016 VET Student Induction Session which is being held Friday 6 February - Periods 5 & 6 in the Theatrette (this includes traineeship students, students completing externally delivered courses and VET students in all year levels). We will be providing important information on expectations and requirements when completing certificate/diploma qualifications whilst at school. The session will be followed by a free sausage sizzle. Students who are unable to attend, please see the Careers Centre staff urgently.

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY – AUSSIE WILDLIFE COURSE

Learn about Australia’s unique native wildlife by enrolling in the Aussie Wildlife Course which is being conducted one a week over an eight week period.

Start Date: Wednesday 3 February 2016
Time: 5:45pm – 8:30pm
Cost: $299.00
Venue: Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (open to participants 14 years and over)
For more information and on line booking, please visit www.cws.org.au or phone 5534 0895.

MEDENTRY UMAT PREPARATION

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses can be required to sit the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admission Test) which is held on Wednesday 27 July 2016.

MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. For more information visit www.MedEntry.edu.au or see the Careers Centre today.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS CURRENT VACANCY LIST

Certificate III Hospitality
• Gold Coast Convention Centre – Broadbeach
• Grill’d – Coolangatta
• Zarraffas – Pacific Fair, Palm Beach
• Crema Espresso – Robina Town Centre, The Pines
• Coolangatta SLSC - Coolangatta
• Surfers Paradise Beach Café – Surfers Paradise
• Crust – Surfers Paradise, Broadbeach
• Coffee Club - Coolangatta

For further details on any of these positions, please feel free to contact the Marymount College Careers Centre on 55861063 or visit us on campus anytime Monday to Friday (8:00am-4:00pm).
Student Achievement

Queensland Swimming Championships:

Late last year from the 12–18 December, Year 12 student, Jacob Vincent, participated in the Queensland Swimming Championships at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre, Chandler.

Over the seven days of competition Jacob swam in 13 heats, qualifying for 11 finals. In the 16 Years age group he won gold medals in the 400m IM, 1500m Freestyle and 200m Backstroke events, and bronze medals in the 200m and 400m Freestyle events. Jacob also competed in the open age group 1500m Freestyle event winning a bronze medal.

Congratulations Jacob on your wonderful results! Hopefully you used the rest of your holidays to recharge. We wish you all the very best with your swimming this year.

Marymount College Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who competed in the College swimming carnival at Miami Aquatic Centre, Pizzey Park, on Friday 29 January.

Results have been withheld until the completion of the 100m and 200m swimming events at the College pool next week. The winning house and age champions will be revealed at the whole school assembly in Week 3. A full report and results will be published in next week’s newsletter.

AGCC Interschool Sport Competition Semester 1

Once again this year we are competing in the Association of Gold Coast Colleges Interschool Sport Competition on a Thursday afternoon. Round 1 commences on Thursday 3 March. Three trial afternoons will be held on 11, 18 and 25 February. As in past years, all teams compete at designated central venues and travel to the same venue each week. Games commence at 1:00pm and conclude at around 2:10pm.

Sports to be played include:

- GIRLS - Futsal, Netball, Oztag, Tennis
- BOYS - AFL, Basketball, Soccer, Touch Football, Volleyball

For students who have yet to enter their sports choice:

1. Log into the College intranet:
   - From within the school – http://sburinet/intranet
   - From outside the school – Marymount website www.marymount.qld.edu.au and choose Student Portal then College Intranet.
2. Click the icon.
3. Choose a sport and click Add.
4. If you are happy with the displayed Existing Selections, click Quit.

Cherie Andersen
Head of Sport

BREAKING NEWS:

Jacob Vincent has broken a school record set 23 years ago by Daniel Kowalski in 1993. Jacob swam the 50m backstroke in 29.03 seconds (Daniel’s time was 29.08 seconds)

Full report on Swimming Carnival next week.
The Call

Youth Mass
February 7
5:30pm Doyle Centre

Food, Music & Games!
facebook.com/burleighyouthmass
Performing Arts Class

Performing Arts classes are held every Tuesday after school in the Doyle Centre Drama Room. Classes are taught by Anna Waters-Massey and her daughter Cleo Massey who between them have a wealth of experience in both live and Film/TV work. You can find out more about your teachers on their websites www.annawatersmassey.com.au and www.cleomassey.com

Performing Arts students take part in improvisation, character work, role play, theatre sports, script work and lots more.

Classes are held every Tuesday from 3.15 – 4.15pm for years 2-6, then 4.15-5.15pm for secondary students.

Contact Anna for more info and to enrol on 0417 584290 or waterSworks@bigpond.com

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**SPORTS FOR 2016**

**BREAK POINT SQUADS**

**Ages 12 to 17**

This squad is the perfect stepping-stone for teenagers who want to play and enjoy tennis. Groups are graded according to age and ability. Some will be learning the basic tennis skills and develop the ability to rally, learn to score and play the game. The more experienced players in the group will work on improving technique, footwork and swing patterns for better ball control and tactical set play. While the focus is on stroke fundamentals, we incorporate match play to keep things fun and interesting.

Classes: Tuesday - Friday 3.45pm
Sessions: 40 minutes  Group Size: 6
Cost: $140 (10 weeks) Family discounts apply

**TEEN XTREME SQUADS**

**Ages 12 to 17**

Designed for the intermediate player who has a firm grasp of tennis fundamentals, and is keen to refine their playing skills through game play strategies, shot selection, court movement and positioning tactics. There is strong focus on serve/return technique and continued skill development, by focusing on ball striking, stroke techniques, movement and match play. The squad is a perfect way to improve and sharpen your tennis skills and fitness, in a fun and friendly environment.

Classes: Friday 3.45pm
Sessions: 60 minutes  Group Size: 6
Cost: $210 (10 weeks) Family discounts apply

**NEW Friday Night Family FAST4 TENNIS**

(Tennis version of 20/20 cricket). In short, FAST 4 provides a simple exciting way of speeding up the conventional tennis set. Introduced by Tennis Australia, the quick, energetic and shortened version of the game, makes it a fun and fast way to have a hit with friends and family.

Experience a NEW way of playing tennis!

Time: 5pm - 7pm weekly
Cost: Adults & children $6 each. Family of 3 or more $5 each.
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