



St Paul's Campus Canteen Opening Hours

Please note the St Paul's canteen will operate on different opening hours this term. Lunch orders will be available every day BUT the canteen will only open at lunch Wednesday to Friday.

February/March Events

Wednesday, February 08 Off Campus VET Courses begin	Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy	Thursday, March 01 Immunizations Yr 10 VCE Units 1-4 Assessment Week
Wednesday, February 15 Snr Wind Ensemble Camp	Thursday, February 23 Campus Assembly (Kildare) Yr 10 Assembly	Friday, March 02 Presentation Campus Swimming Carnival Coonawarra Skills Acquisition VCE Units 1-4 Assessment Week
Thursday, February 16 Snr Wind Ensemble Camp	Friday, February 24 Kildare Swimming Carnival	
Friday, February 17 Snr Wind Ensemble Camp	Monday, February 27 Presentation Campus, Yr 7 Family BBQ VCE Units 1-4 Assessment Week	Upcoming Events March 6 - Commissioning Mass (Champagnat Centre) We invite you to join us to Celebrate the first mass and gathering of the entire College Community
Monday, February 20 Kildare Leaders - Photos	Tuesday, February 28 VCE Units 1-4 Assessment Week	March 12 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY March 29/30 - Debutante Balls March 30 - School Holidays commence April 16 - Term 2 commences
Tuesday, February 21 Shrove Tuesday Deb Ball Information Evening	Wednesday, February 29 Year 7 Group Photographs VCE Units 1-4 Assessment Week	

Mission and Ministry

What does one say to the students who arrive at the Kildare campus having completed Year 9 in 2011. Gathered under the oak tree we reflected on the following passage.

"Once the hand is put to the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

That seems very harsh!

But is it? I think it is a statement about us being too sentimental and nostalgic about the past, about longing for a time that is gone - like our summer holidays - we long for them because they are our own and we feel that they are being taken from us. But for all of us, time has come round and we are called

to make a clean break with the lazy days of summer. So, I put it to you... do not long for the past; whilst it has shaped you and refreshed you and can be recalled with gladness, do not long for the past for the past is really a world of shadows... you are stronger than you were this time last year... you need to walk forward without looking back over your shoulder. Set your eyes on the horizon and keep your gaze alert to the present. Now is the time to bravely put your hand to the plough and guide its edge through the rich soil of your future.

You have to ask yourself, "Do I stand ready to shoulder the harness and to plough the furrows that will ultimately bring forth new growth? Or will I stand and watch from the sidelines as the seasons come

and go and I miss the opportunities that come my way? The field of your education awaits the tilling that only you can bring to it. Others will help but it is only you who can take up the harness.

Mr Mike Hansen
Director of Faith and Ministry



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From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

Once our gates open to welcome our students, we all feel the sense of excitement, optimism and hope that a new year promises. Once again our yard and classrooms become vibrant and full of life giving joy as students and teachers gather to greet each other and share holiday stories. This year was no exception. All campuses reported a smooth start to the year and from my own observation of those first few days, students settled very readily into their routines. To the new parents and students who have joined us for the first time whether in year 7 or any other year level, I trust that you have received a warm Marist welcome and I hope before long that you will feel part of this wonderful Marist community.

Included in this group of new people that have entered our community is Mr Andrew Martin, the new Campus Director of St Paul's. I notice that he walks calmly with purpose around the campus as he tries to absorb a new school, with new ways of doing and being. He is a quick learner though and seems to have already settled well. I invite you all to come and meet him at the relevant information nights and I am sure he too is excited about meeting our wonderful parents. We also welcome back to our community teachers and support staff who were on leave in term 4 and particularly new teachers to the College. These are listed elsewhere in the newsletter and I am sure you will make yourself known to them in due course.

During the staff development days before school officially started, we worked at setting our goals and expectation for 2012. The theme we settled upon is, Be Inspired; Be Excellent. It is a theme that captivates our hearts and engages our mind to be the best we can be. There are exciting things planned for 2012 as we strive to improve and grow our community. We are full of hope and well placed to have an exceptionally good year.

Each of the Campus Directors has written to their families this year outlining some changes in our procedures and practices. I encourage you to read these letters and to make contact with your child's LA or Homeroom teacher if you are seeking clarification on any points.

On Tuesday the Kildare Campus launched its 'student choice' time which allows students the opportunity to undertake extra curricula activities on each Tuesday and Thursday morning. At Presentation the Year 9 students have joined the St Paul's students in the elective programme and the Year 9 St Paul's students are experiencing a revised Master Survivor Programme. The Directors have also outlined their expectation about the wearing of uniform and the importance of neat presentation and I ask you to support our efforts to ensure our students are well presented at school and in public.

The distribution of laptops to year 9-12 students is almost complete and I thank the Manager of Educational Resources, Mr Ben Verghese for co-ordinating this large task. While there have been a few glitches with the paperwork and in getting all students on line, the technology team are making this their top priority and everything will be operational very shortly. Thank you to our new Year 7 parents who have supported the netbook programme at year 7. We are now fortunate to have all students with their own laptop or similar.

Somewhat unexpectedly, we farewelled Ms Sandy Francoise. She reunited with her family in Canberra last December. Ms Francoise gave generously to our students and families and she was very committed to their health and wellbeing. Her cheery, friendly nature will be missed but we wished her well in her new endeavours. The vacancy has been advertised and we hope to procure a successful candidate in due course.

We offer our deep sympathy and condolences to Olivia and Alan Barrett at the unexpected death of their baby son Hunter. We ask God to protect his precious child Hunter and keep him safe in his care. We welcomed and embraced Mrs Barrett on her return to work. I look forward to meeting with you during our information nights in term 1. Have a good week.

Yours faithfully

Erica Pegorer, Principal

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EMA Details

Education Maintenance

Allowance

Applications must be lodged at the School by February 29 to be eligible for the first instalment.

To be eligible you must hold a current Health Care or Pension Card and the student must be under 16 years of age.

Applications are available at Marcellin House. Any queries, please contact Colleen Robbins, Finance Officer on 5175 8209.

5% DISCOUNT OFF SCHOOL FEES

School fees that are paid in FULL by the 29th of February 2012 will receive a 5% discount on the tuition fee. Also, families are required to enter a payment plan for their 2012 school fees - please ensure the College is aware of your choice (fortnightly/weekly direct debits etc) Please contact Colleen Robbins on 03 5175 8209 for more details or to confirm your arrangements.

Kildare Campus Canteen Helpers

MONDAY 20 - I GREGSON

TUESDAY 21 - J ROWE

WEDNESDAY 22 - LINDA WARE

THURSDAY 23 M JOHNSON

FRIDAY 24 - SWIMMIN CARNIVAL

Uniform Shop Hours

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 16rd February

Thursday 1st March

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus

Payment options: Cash, Cheque

or EFTPOS

Introducing Andrew Martin St Paul's Campus Director



At the beginning of each new year, we tend to think about, and, we sometimes even act, to effect change in our lives.

Often, change is thrust upon us, as transition from one school or class to another is part of the proscribed journey to adulthood. In either case, change and transition suggest that we will be challenged to take risks in our learning in order to continue growing as individuals in sympathy with our community and our values.

Fortunately for us, the Marist Charism and teaching method is directed at effecting positive

change in our lives by dedicating energy to building relationships of significance and transparency with those in our care. The foci of the method, 'Presence, Simplicity, Hard work, Family Spirit and the veneration of Mary as an exemplar of the faith journey', provide a framework for students to live their lives by.

This year, I would hope that each student who has an association with St Paul's feels secure enough in the learning environment to 'take those risks' in their learning that make the difference to their studies or social interactions with others. We will endeavour to let our students know, as we are called to do, that they are always loved - no matter the issue at hand. It is our hope that each member of the Lavalla community should feel a sense of connectedness and solidarity with their peers and school.

In terms of our curriculum, we are determined to develop our capacities as a team to present a relevant, 21st century faire centred on active

learning opportunities and the enhance ment of each student's ability to take responsibility for their work efforts as self-directed learners.

Thinking skills, learning tools, problem solving exercises, open ended tasks, cooperative learning and excellence in the teaching of core understandings will provide a foundation for deep learning on our campus.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff of the college for the wonderful welcome I have received as a new member of the community. Both my family and I feel affirmed by the experience and we look forward to participating actively in the life of Traralgon. It is my hope that the 'risk' we have taken will lead to the sort of personal growth that we wish upon our students and that this growth will provide commensurate benefit to the Lavalla community.

STAFF ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Pam Goodall (Kath Coggan will be her replacement.)

Jenny Bur and Debbie Dennison

NEW STAFF FOR 2012

Brownyn Glasson - Kildare Campus

Andrew Martin - Campus Director, St Paul's

Stephanie Sola - St Paul's campus

Janette Foley - Intergration Aide

Matt Berry - Educational Trainee

Nathan Forrester - Sports Trainee

Sally Sharp - Kildare Campus

NEW PARENTS WELCOME EVENING

On the 23 February at 6.00 pm the St Paul's campus will host a year 7-9 information / meet the new campus director evening. This will be a an ideal opportunity for the community to welcome Mr Andrew Martin as well as gain valuable information from your children's teachers. The evening will begin with an address by Mr Martin and Ms Joanne Alford then will break up into year levels. Year 7 meet and greet, Year 8 LA program and Year 9 MSP Information. The evening will then conclude with a BBQ dinner. All parents and friends are invited to attend. Please meet in the Champagnat Centre, St Paul's campus. We look forward to seeing you then.

Presentation Campus Update



Mrs Tamsin McCormack
Presentation Campus Director

Excited yet anxious faces are what met us early on Friday morning. With the new year 7 students turning up in their new uniforms, eager to start their new school year, bags heavily weighed down with books and their netbook. It has been a great start to the new school year. With all students back on campus on Monday, it was great to see and hear the excited chatter between friends who hadn't caught up during the holidays, the anticipation to see who else was in their LA and what electives they would have for the year.

This term, though short, will be jam packed. Year 9 students head over to St Paul's campus twice a week for electives, some year 8 camps are occurring, the 7-9 Swimming Carnival, Project Compassion, Commissioning Mass and many other activities.

The staff at Presentation Campus look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year, we know that together we can achieve!

Kildare Campus Update



From a campus with quiet corridors and classrooms we have moved to a campus that is alive and about its business. While the students break is an important time for students and staff to recharge, we now refocus on our goals for the year. I encourage all students to take advantage of the changes the campus has made to further enhance their learning.

Student Choice Time

We have completed our first week of Student Choice Time. We are grateful to the students for the way they entered into this newly created time. Students who are on campus during this time are expected to move into quiet work. We publish a list of all activities in our Kildare Chronicles. Students are encouraged to scan this.

At the moment most are taking advantage of the quiet space to complete work or continue with their reading. I have included some pictures from these morning – note the empty Bus Shelter!!

Parent Letter

Thankyou to the our community for their response to the mail-out last week. There has been a significant improvement in the areas mentioned. We have some students who may need to be sent home to rectify some aspects of their uniform and this will begin in our second week. I encourage all parents to discuss the letter with their children so that we can avoid any confusion.

Christian Youth Movements

This year will see the reintroduction of REMAR into our offerings. REMAR is a youth ministry program operating in many Catholic schools across the Melbourne Province of the Marist Brothers. It targets students in Years

10, 11 and 12. There will soon be an assembly for Year 10 students where the aspects of the programme will be outlined. Having been strongly involved in the programme in the past, I encourage our Year 10's to be part of this movement.

The Campus has also seen the formal introduction of the Catholic Youth Schools Ministry Australia (CYSMA) Group. We have two committed groups who have enrolled in this offering and I recently congratulated them on being involved in this growing movement. I am looking forward to the leadership that they will offer around the campus. Mr Marco DiCesare
Kildare Campus Director



IN MEMORY Brothers Charles Howard & Stephen Bugg

As a College we were shocked to hear the sad news during the holidays that two outstanding Marist Brothers passed away in mid January.

Brother Charles Howard AM was the first English-speaking Marist Brother appointed to be the global leader of the order, the only Australian ever elected Superior General.

Brother Charles had a transformational impact on Marist life and mission, one that continues to bear fruit. Most two decades after his Generalate and will do so for a long time to come.

A few days after Brother Charles, Brother Steve Bugg also passed away. Brother Steve worked as teacher, rincipal, teacher educator, missionary and prison haplain across fifty years of outstanding ministry. We give thanks for their dedication and service, and pray with confidence that God welcomes them home.

