

2024 Parent Information Evening

A guide to thriving at Mt Maria College



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Strong Mind – Compassionate Heart

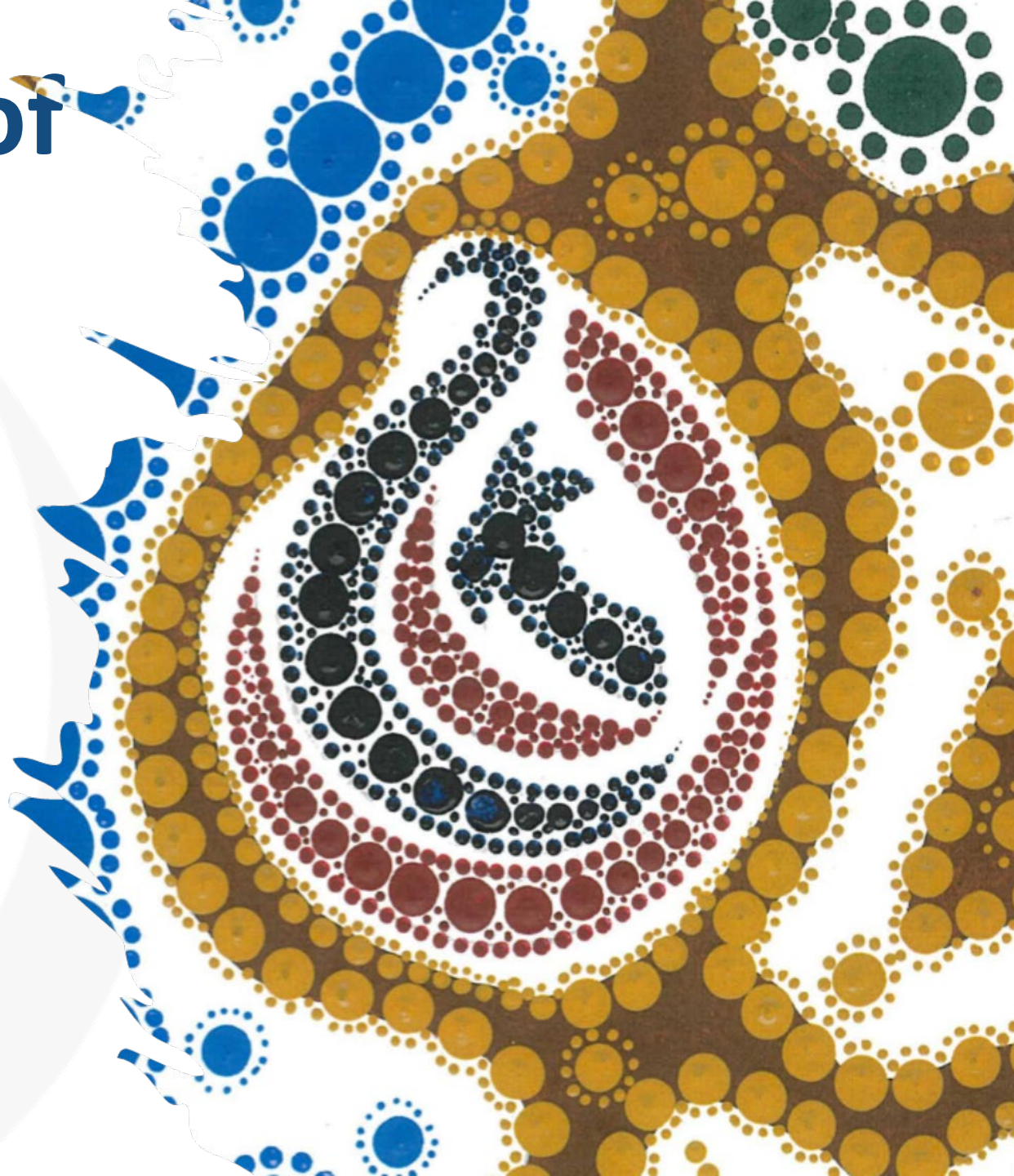
Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Yuggerah and Turrbul people, the traditional custodians of the land beneath us.

We pay our deepest respects to the elders - past, present and emerging, For they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

We thank them for sharing their cultures, spiritualities and ways of living with the land in this place we all now call home. May we always walk gently upon this land – hand in hand.

Let us remember with awe and wonder the Creator Spirit of our God.



Mt Maria College Prayer

We give thanks and praise for your loving servant Mary.
Who is our loyal guide in making Jesus known and loved.

We ask for blessings on our community as we strive to
make it a vibrant part of the Marist Family.

We pray for humility as we seek to build your kingdom with
simplicity and hope.

We ask that you make us aware of your presence and love.
So that we too may be present to others in our school and
the wider community.

We thank you for the talents and gifts you have bestowed
upon us.


We pray for the courage to use our strong minds and
compassionate hearts as we work to build a world of justice
and peace for all here on Earth as it is heaven

Amen

St Marcellin...pray for us.

Mary our good mother...pray for us.

Let us always remember to...pray for on another



*To teach children, we
must love them and love
them equally.*

**St Marcellin
Champagnat**

**created
+ called**

a revolution of love and tenderness



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Welcome to Mt Maria College

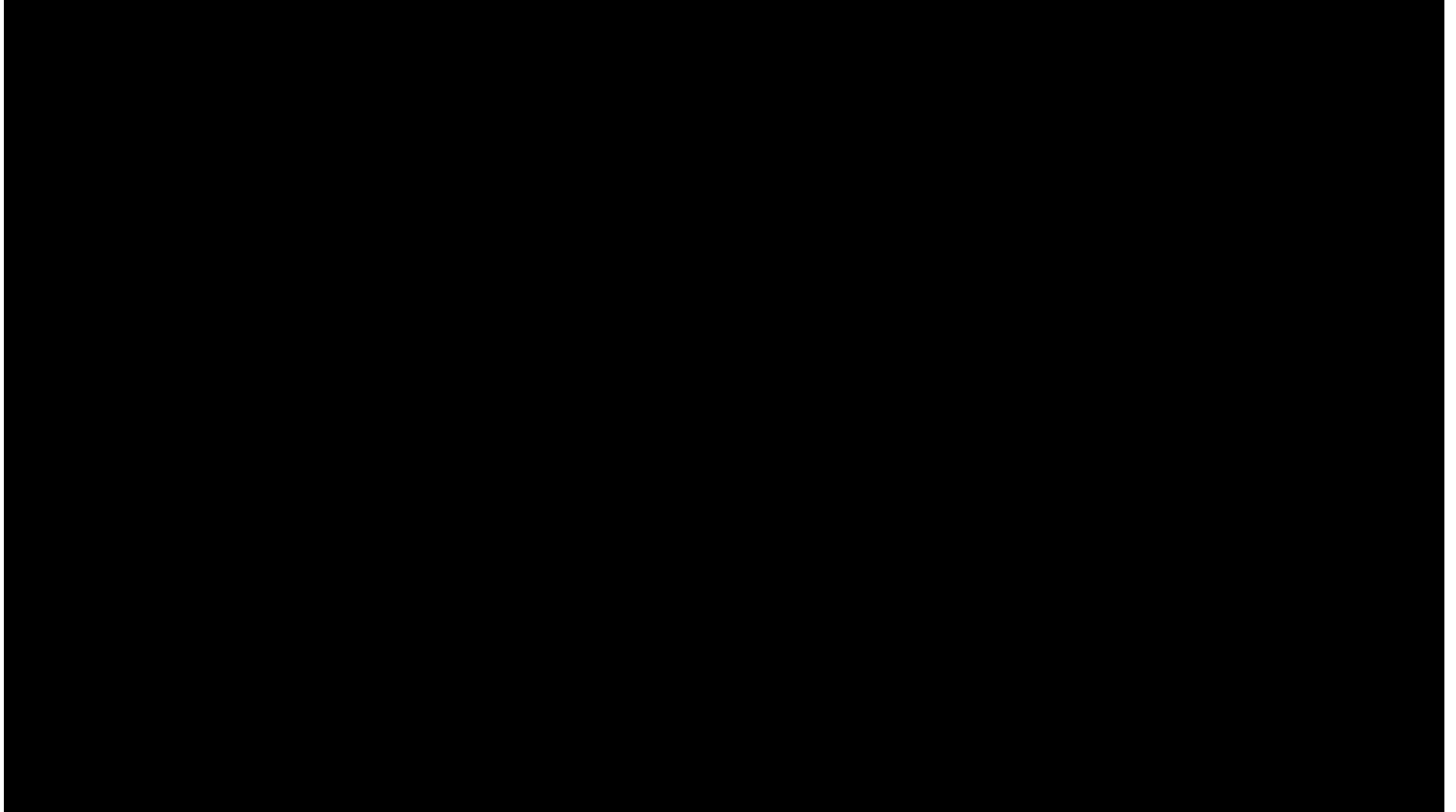
Inspired by the legacy of St Marcellin Champagnat, we strive to live out the Marist characteristics of presence, simplicity, love of work and family spirit in the way of Mary.



**Brisbane
Catholic
Education**

teaching • challenging • transforming

A day in the life at Mt Maria College



College Awards

National Reconciliation Week

QCMF 2023

All Schools Touch

Battle of the Rock Bands

Parent Orientation 2024

Parent Orientation Information Online

<https://www.mtmaria.qld.edu.au/news-and-events/Pages/Parent-Orientation-2024.aspx>

Home > News and events > Parent Orientation 2024

Parent Orientation 2024



[Mt Maria College Parent Handbook](#)

[2024 Information Handbook.pdf](#)

[First Day of school in 2024](#)

Tuesday 23 January: First day of school for Year 7 and Year 11 students only. Formal Uniform please.

Year 7 and 11 students to meet in the Senior Multi-Purpose Centre (SMPC) located at the bottom of the Prospect Road Carpark. At 8.30am there will be an initial welcome and then Year 7 students will split into their houses for a year level assembly. Laptop rollout will begin in the afternoon.

Year 7 student to bring lunchbox, water bottle and a couple of exercise books and pens.

New Students from years 8 to 11 - Tuesday 23 January - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

New students who are joining Mt Maria College from years 8 to 11 will have 2 hours onboarding with Mr Ian Sweeney - Education Leader Pastoral.

Please meet in Parent Reception at 1.00pm. Free dress (no uniform required)

Wednesday 24 January: All students attend Years 7 to 12

- Formal uniform to be worn

[Stationery Lists and Textbooks](#)







Mt Maria College is pleased to offer parents the convenience and savings of a Textbook Hire Scheme. Our Lending policy and procedures along with a textbook hire agreement will be emailed home in the week prior to school starting in January 2024 for our Year 7 cohort.

2024 YEAR 7 PARENT SUMMARY

KEY POINTS

- Year 7 is about creating successful foundations – ways to belong; establishing positive relationships; developing good learning habits.
- It will be a rollercoaster but we're here for the ride. Stay connected with us – our student support team are here to help.
- As a Catholic school with a Marist charism we strive to live out the characteristics of presence, simplicity, love of work and family spirit in the way of Mary.
- Our school community expectations (on the back of this page) focus on aspiring to achieve our best, respecting one another and engaging in our learning journey.

HOMEWORK

-  Follow the Mt Maria College Official Parent Community Facebook page
-  Download the BCE Connect App
-  Parent Portal Access from 11 January 2024
-  Please send through ASCIA Action forms if required – Anaphylaxis, Allergy and other medical
-  First day of school for Year 7 and 11 students
Tuesday 23 January – formal uniform
-  Christmas on the Green – Sat 18 November at 4pm

PARENT ORIENTATION WEBPAGE

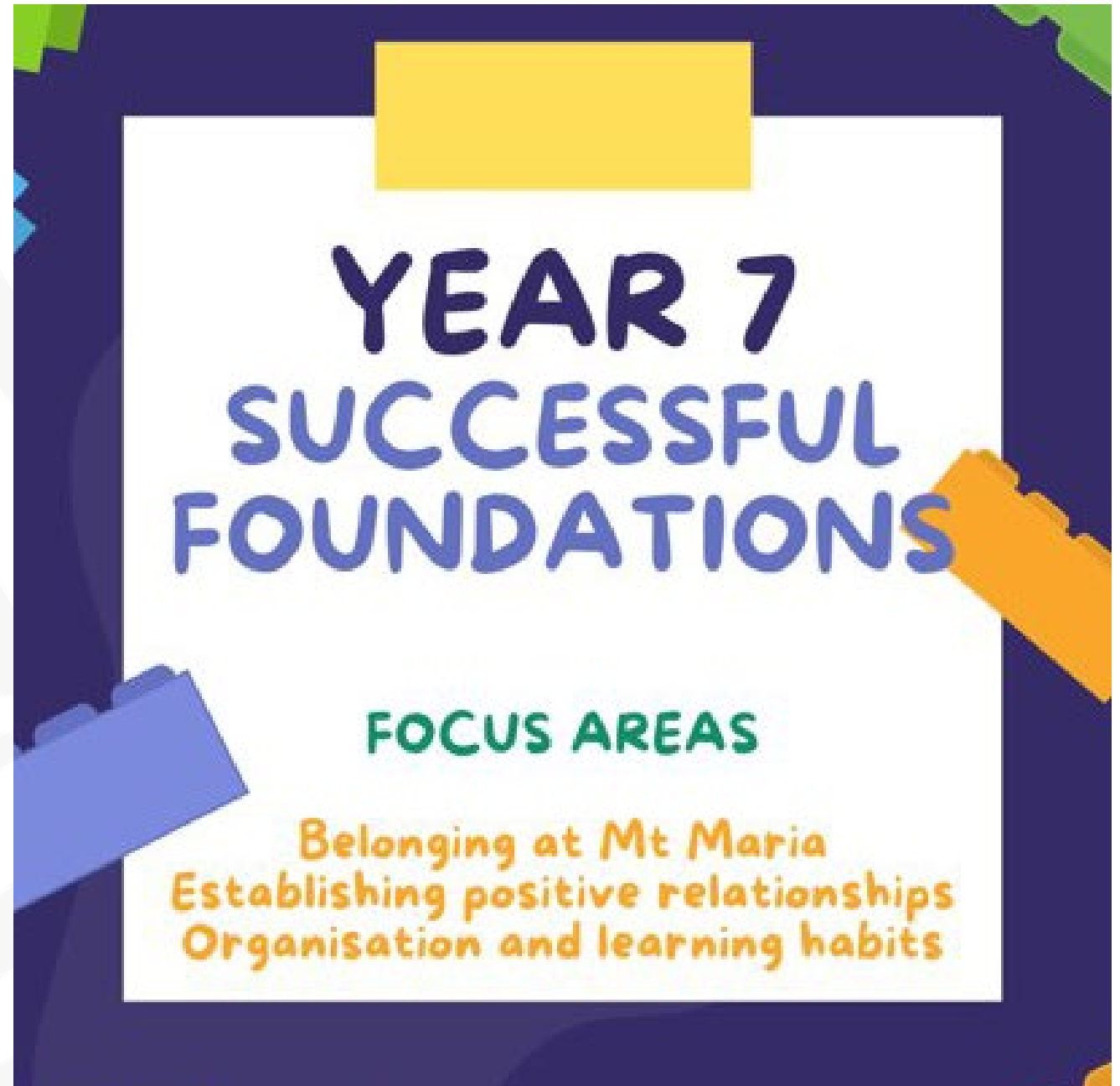


Information for all parents
and caregivers available via
the link above

Presence . Simplicity . Love of Work . Family Spirit . In the Way of Mary

Year Level Focus

*By the end of 2024 we
want all students to
have achieved...*



Advice for starting secondary school

Children often have mixed feelings about starting high school. They might be:

- **excited** about new friends, subjects and teachers
- **nervous** about learning new routines, making new friends or even wearing a new uniform
- **worried** about handling an increased workload.

These feelings are all normal. Starting secondary school means a move from the familiar to the unknown, and a whole new way of doing things.

When children are making the move to high school, the trusted adults in their lives have the biggest influence on how smooth the transition is. Friends do influence how your child feels about the move, but our support has longer-lasting effects.



Be prepared for early ups and downs.



Talk to other parents to check whether your child's experiences and feelings are similar to those of others.

Remind your child that it's normal to feel nervous about starting something new.



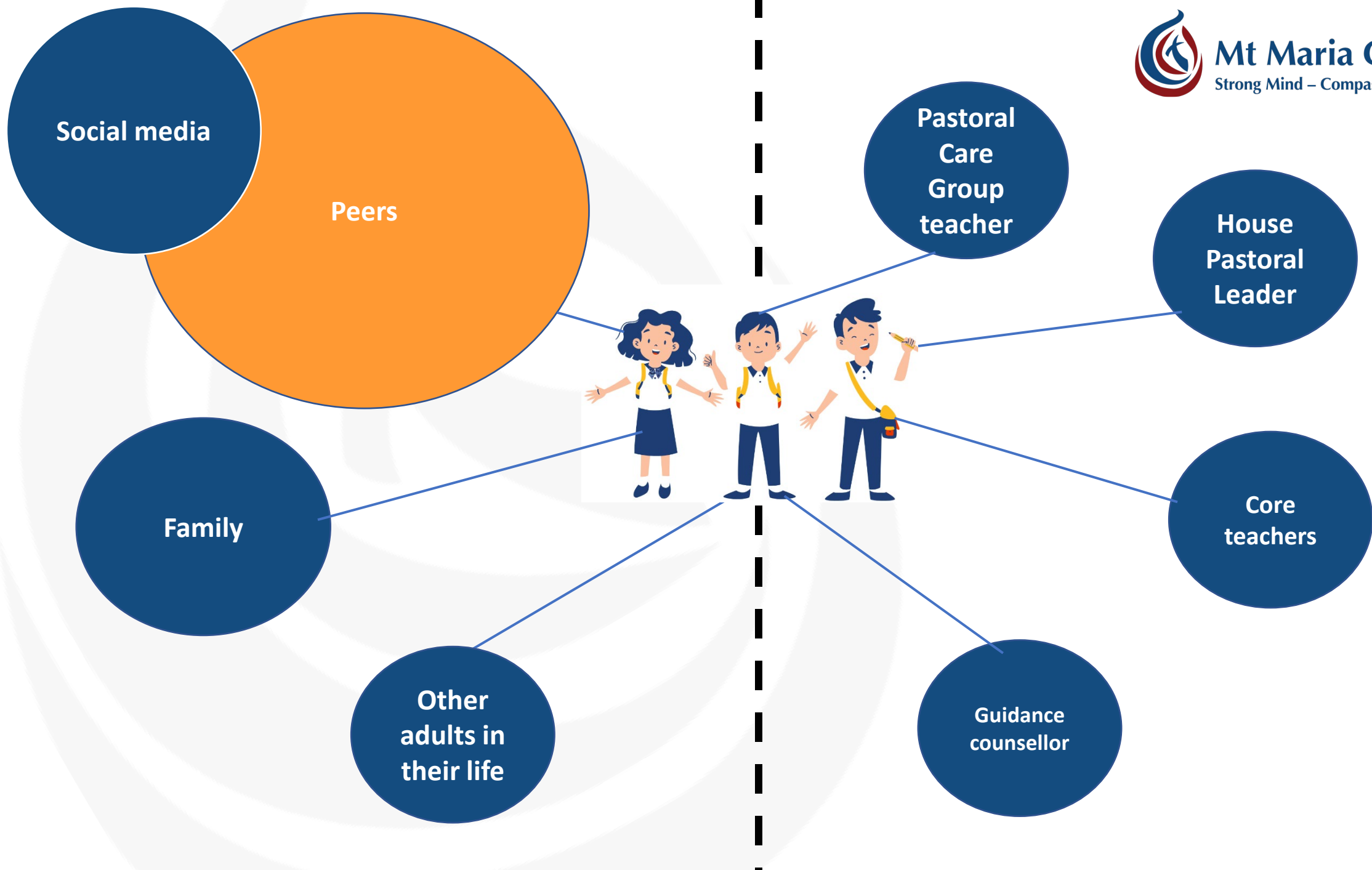
Try to make sure your child eats well, gets plenty of physical activity and gets plenty of sleep.



Student Wellbeing

*Pastoral Leaders - Guidance Counsellors – Campus Minister –
Defence School Mentor*





Pastoral Care at MMC

Assistant Principal - Pastoral

House Guidance Counsellors

Education Leader – Student Wellbeing

7 Houses

Benedict

Champagnat

Lavalla

MacKillop

Montagne

Pelletier

Samaritan

Benedict 1

Benedict 2

Benedict 3

Benedict 4

Benedict 5

Benedict 6

Benedict 7

House Pastoral Leaders

Pastoral Care Group Teachers

Year 11 Buddies & Peers

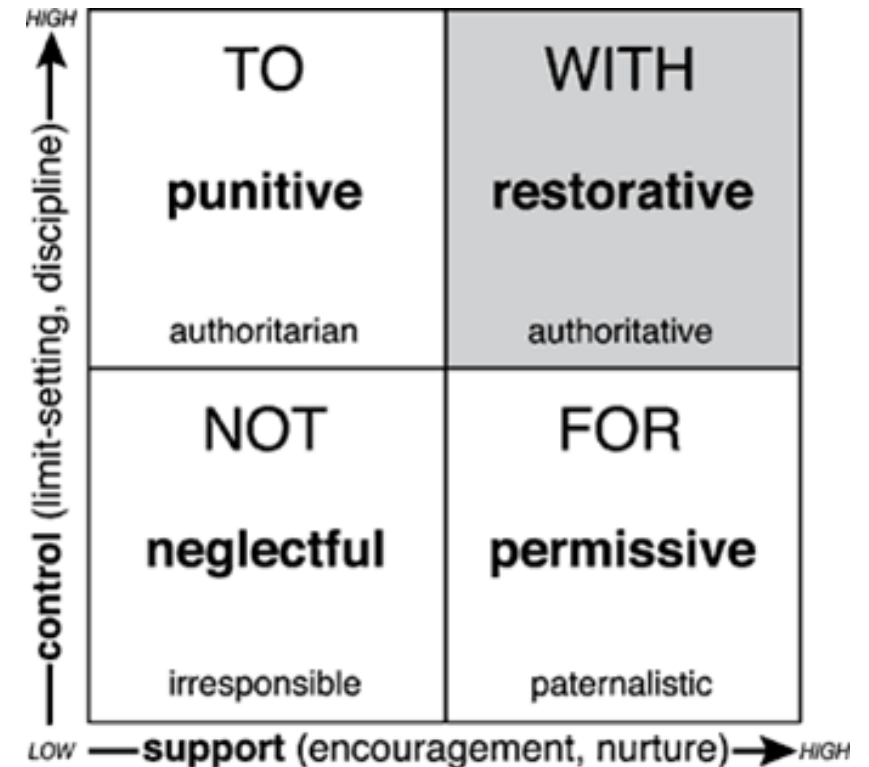
Our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Approach

Every student at Mt Maria College is supported by their teachers to engage in a positive learning environment.

Our school community engages with a **restorative practices approach** when working through conflict.

When staff observe students choosing unproductive behaviours over what is expected, a range of support strategies are implemented including:

- providing the student with an opportunity to correct their choices;
- removing the student from the situation, allowing them to de-escalate in a supported environment (the Pod);
- accessing staff supports, such as Pastoral Leaders or Curriculum Leaders;
- contacting home when patterns of behaviour require further intervention.



Fostering Sustainable Positive Relationships

Mt Maria College has invested in Bullyproof Australia's 'AMAYDA Resilience Program'.

Delivered in Term 1 to all Year 7 students, inviting them into our culture of respect, communication and conflict management.

The program provides students with the skills to:

identify and **avoid** conflict;

- **be aware** of the resources around them to effectively manage conflict situations;
- **assess the consequences** of their actions should they choose to respond and
- **apply** verbal and physical strategies to remove themselves from difficult or unsafe situations.







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Our School Community Expectations

We ARE

Aspire. Respect. Engage.

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Aspire

Set high standards

Have a growth mindset

Strive to improve, take risks and show initiative

Be self motivated

Embrace your learning journey

Be your authentic self

Respect

Be inclusive, friendly and supportive

Communicate and act respectfully

Present yourself with pride

Uphold others' right to learn

Care for College resources and our shared environment

Engage

Actively participate in school life

Be punctual, present and prepared

Be a proactive and collaborative learner

Contribute to a positive learning environment

Complete set tasks

Use technology and equipment appropriately

Uniform

All uniform items (except shoes) are available from the College Uniform Shop

College Term Trading Hours (excluding public holidays and school holidays)

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 7.30am - 11.00am





Positive Technology Use

Mobile phones and wearable devices are a part of everyday life.

Students, particularly Year 7 students, do not need these devices for any part of their school day.

If devices are brought to school, students take responsibility for their own property. They also store them in their locker during the school day.

Wearable devices are considered under the same guiding principles as mobile phones however they are permitted in the classroom. If worn, the student agrees that it is not to be used as an extension of the mobile phone.

Attendance

Arriving on time

All students are expected to be at school by 8:25am.

Once students arrive on campus they stay on-site.

Avoid drop offs or gathering at Brookside/McDonalds where possible.

Planned absences

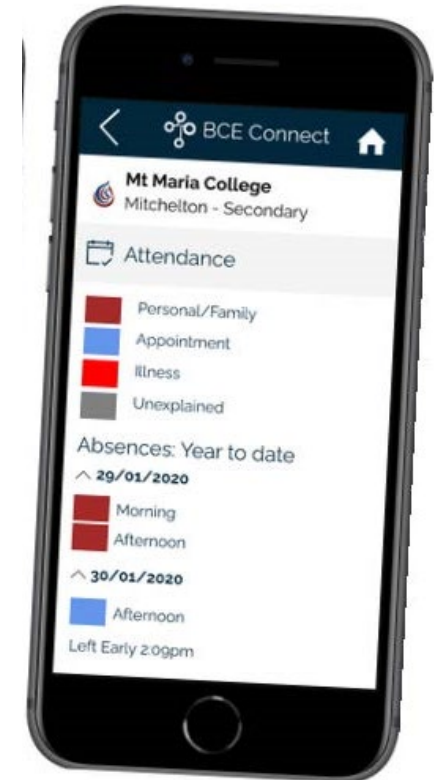
The BCE Connect app is the preferred option to advise the school of student absences (by 8.30am on the day of absence where possible).

Parents/guardians will be sent a text if their child is absent unexplained to verify the attendance.

Arriving late

Students who arrive late to school after the 8.30am bell are to report directly to Student Reception to sign in.

Notification of the lateness should be made through the BCE Connect app.



Leaving early

Submit a late arrival/early departure notification via the 'absences' tile on the BCE Connect app.

Students must go to Student Reception and wait for collection by a parent/guardian.

Sick/unwell/upset while at school

Students should present to Student Reception who will respond to their concern.

They will either rest in sick bay for one period or parents/guardians will be contacted by Student Reception staff to arrange collection.

Students are not to contact parents to arrange collection when needing support

This will be handled by the office staff to avoid disruptions during class time and ensure we know where students are at all times.



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Outdoor Education Programs



Year 7 Camp

- Term 1 Week 7
- Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th March
- Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre
- Anxious or highly resistant campers? Please reach out to your child's Pastoral House Leader at the start of Term 1.





Engaging Beyond the Classroom

Getting involved in the co-curricular opportunities we provide connects your child with like-minded peers and gives them even more things in their day to look forward to.



Lunchtime Clubs


A great way to unwind or make new friends.

Designed by students or teachers.

Facilitated by a Mt Maria staff member.

Students can generally take their lunch to each activity.

No cost to join.

Monday	 Trivia @Library SECOND BREAK	 The Games Room @MK7 SECOND BREAK	
Tuesday	 Paint by numbers @MC6 SECOND BREAK		 Drones and Robotics @MK3 AFTER SCHOOL
Wednesday	 Just Dance @MK4&5 SECOND BREAK	 Lego @Library SECOND BREAK	 The Games Room @MK7 SECOND BREAK
Thursday	 Smash Bros @MC6 FIRST AND SECOND BREAK	 Kapla Construction @Library SECOND BREAK	 The Games Room @MK7 SECOND BREAK
Friday	 Running Club @SMPC BEFORE SCHOOL 7AM	 Smash Bros @MC6 FIRST AND SECOND BREAK	 Games Room @MK7 SECOND BREAK  Movies @Library SECOND BREAK Shutterbug Biology Squad @SB16 SECOND BREAK

The library is open for personal study/homework after school on Tuesday and Wednesday

2023 example



Mt Maria College SPORT

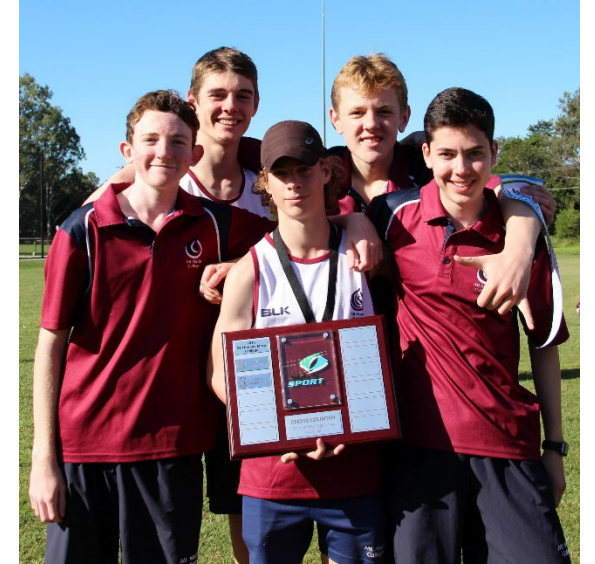
Kyle Donaldson
Program Leader - Sport



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Sport

1. School Carnivals
2. SECA Sport
3. School Rep Sport
4. Districts/Regionals/
States Pathways





School Carnivals

Term 1

Swimming

- Friday 23rd February – Week 5
- Lawnton Aquatic Centre

Term 2

Cross Country

- Friday 19th April – Week 1
- Teralba Park

Athletics

- Wednesday 19th June – Week 10
 - MMC Playing Fields – Lade Street
- *Pre-carnival events Week 9 after school



NORTH SECA TEAMS



Mt Maria
College



Mt Maria College Petrie
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et Veritate Challengat



St Eugene College
Dare to grow in faith, hope and love



SOUTH SECA TEAMS

Seasons
(NORTH ONLY)

2 x 3-day seasons
Season 1 – Term 2
Season 2 – Term 3
Various Sports

Gala Days
(COMBINED)

1-2 Day Competition
Cricket, AFL, Rugby 7s

Carnivals
(COMBINED)

Swimming
Cross Country
Athletics

SECA Season 1

Season 1

- Term 2
- Sports:
 - Rugby League
 - Netball
 - OzTag
 - Volleyball
 - 5-a-side Soccer
 - Chess
 - TheatreSports

* Subject to Change

* Competitive/Social Divisions available



SECA Season 2

Season 2

- Term 3
- Sports:
 - Rugby 7s
 - Touch Football
 - Basketball
 - Football/Soccer
 - Chess
 - TheatreSports

* Subject to Change

* Competitive/Social Divisions available



Non-SECA

Alternative program on Season Days

Physical Activity a core focus (for most activities)

Some previous activities have included

- Walking
- Rock Climbing
- School Sport Oval/Court
- Lawn Bowls
- Rock Band
- Robotics/Coding
- Service & Outreach
- Fishing Education
- Just Dance
- Wellbeing (Yoga/meditation)
- Construction





School Rep Sport

Opportunity to compete at state-wide highly competitive environments
Training before/after school
User pays model



School Rep Sports

2023 Sports included

- Basketball
- Football/Soccer
- Futsal
- Hockey
- Netball
- OzTag
- Rugby League
- Rugby 7s
- Touch Football
- Volleyball

Competitions are Regional or State events (Brisbane and Surrounding Regions)

Costs incurred - Rep sport teams are external to the program

Transport/Accommodation generally not provided (event dependent)

SPORTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – dependent upon coaching capacity

DISTRICT SPORT

Trial Selection Process:

1. North-West Independent
2. Met North
3. States
4. Nationals

Note:

- A call for nominations from students EARLY Term 1
- Student responsibility to nominate to Sport Leader
- School takes no responsibility for late nominations
- School does not provide transport – individual endeavour
- Quality – subjective → schools are mandated to run trials



Sport – New Student (Expression of Interest)

Visit the Sport Section of the 2024 Orientation Website

Follow the QR Code and complete the form

- This information is collected for planning purposes
- Students will be required to trial for selection
- All trial information will be posted on the student notices



Mt Maria College Sport Expression of Interest 2024 New Student Orientation

Follow the QR Code and complete the form to register your student's interest in one or more of Mt Maria's Representative Sporting teams.



**SCAN
ME!**

Note:
This information is collected for planning purposes
Students will be required to trial for sporting teams in 2024
All trial information will be posted on the student notices

Please view the College's Sports Handbook for more information!





Belinda Tucker
Program Leader - Music

Benefits of Music in Education

Executive Functioning Skills

- a) Self-Control
- b) Cognitive Flexibility
- c) Working Memory
- d) Perspective Taking





Benefits of Music in Education

- Social and Emotional Skills
- Language
- Wellbeing
- Neural Pathways
- Fine Motor Coordination
- Fundamental to holistic education

Private music lessons available at Mount Maria

Strings	Woodwind	Brass	Percussion*	Other
Acoustic guitar	Flute	Trumpet	All students will learn orchestral tuned and untuned instruments and drum kit	Piano
Electric guitar	Clarinet	French Horn		Voice
Bass guitar	Saxophone	Trombone		Music theory
Violin	Bassoon	Euphonium		
Viola		Tuba		
Cello				

Lesson Structure

- Private or Paired Lessons
- Half Hour Duration
- Rotational Schedule
- AMEB/Trinity Exams
- Hire Instruments



2023 Core Ensembles

- Year 7 Beginner Band
- Wind Band
- Concert Band
- String Ensemble
- College Choir
- The Benedictines Guitar Ensemble



2023 Extension Ensembles

- Lavalla Strings
- Percussion Ensemble
- Pelletier Percussion
- Samaritan Singers
- Champagnat Jazz Combo
- Brass Ensemble



Rock Band Program

- Progressive options for students at every level
- School based and representational opportunities
- Mt Maria's Battle Of The Rock Bands
- Cross River Clash
- QCMF Contemporary Sections
- Community Outreach Performances
- SECA Rock Band Days





Representative and New Opportunities

- State Honours Ensemble Program
- Australian Honours Ensemble Program
- Drumline
- Young Conservatorium
- QYO Program

2024 Musical

- High School Musical
- Mid July 2024
- Year 7s 2024 – Ensemble Opportunities





Link to Instrumental Music Enrolment Form

College Fees

2024 fees will be published on the College website.

Fee statements are emailed to families in Term 1 and updated statements sent in Term 2, 3 & 4.

Fees include

- Tuition Fee
- Activity and Resource Levy
- Capital Levy
- P&F Levy
- Voluntary Building Fund Contribution (tax deductible)

Sibling Discounts available - applied to the Tuition Fee

Direct Debit Payments are to be set up to pay fees throughout the year. Find the Direct Debit Request Form on Parent Orientation web page.

Instalments intervals can vary to suit your family budget eg: full year, each term, monthly, fortnightly or weekly.

Please email completed form to:
mmcmfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au

“Investing in my future”

Past Yr 12 Parent - final fee Payment



Student Account (MSA)

On-campus shopping for your child without cash using their Student ID

On-line orders/payments (Sport, Uniform Shop, Events, Other)

Monitor spend, set limits

First time users:

- login with your email address registered at the College (same as Parent Portal)
- then use the link "Forgot Password"


A screenshot of the my HOME website interface. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with the my HOME logo on the left and links for My Accounts, My Profile (with a dropdown arrow), Help (with a dropdown arrow), and Sign-Out (with an external link icon) on the right. Below the navigation bar is the "Account List" section. It features a card for "Jane Brown" with a link to "user details". To the right of the card, it shows the "ACCOUNT BALANCE" as "\$39.70". At the bottom of the card is a dark blue horizontal menu with five options: RECHARGE, ONLINE ORDERS (which is circled in red), TRANSFER FUNDS, HISTORY, and MANAGE (with a dropdown arrow).

More information in your handbook and on the Parent Portal



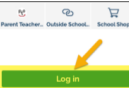
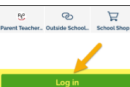

Keeping Informed

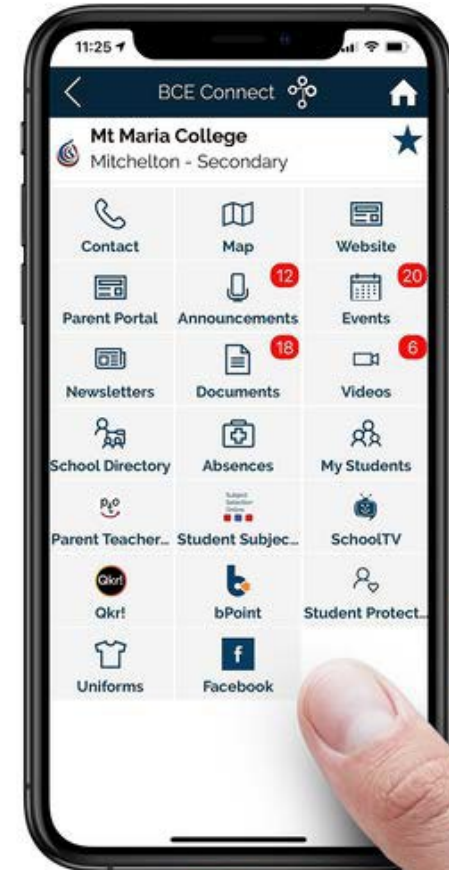
Parent Portal & BCE Connect

Details on how to set up your account is included in your information handbook.

**Setting up your account**

A guide to getting started with your BCE Connect and Parent Portal account.

- 1. Download BCE Connect**

- 2. Favourite your school**

Favouriting your school in BCE Connect enables you to receive Push Notifications from the school and makes it easier to navigate back to the school by adding a shortcut on the home screen of the app.
- 3. Create an account**

Select the first-time logging in option and enter the e-mail address you have supplied the school. A security code will be sent to your email. Return to the page and follow the prompts to **create your password**.
- 4. Log in**

Log in to the BCE Connect App using your email address as your username and enter your newly created password.
Logging in will unlock all the features of BCE Connect. You can also access the Parent Portal from the Parent Portal link on the BCE Connect App.
- 5. Visit the Parent Portal**

The **Parent Portal** offers a more feature rich experience for Parents.



New families will be granted Parent Portal access from 11 January 2024.



Parents & Friends Association

Executive Committee 2023

- President - Bec Hollyman
- Vice President - Zeffy Brown
- Treasurer - Philippa Anticevich
- Secretary - Julia Maher
- CSPQ Rep - Sav Anticevich
- Comms & Media - Heather Scheller
- Events Advisor - Leslie Williams



Sign up here



College Leadership Team

Luke Reed	Principal
Karen Mulcahy	Deputy Principal
Michael Crank	Assistant Principal Wellbeing
Caroline Sarra	Assistant Principal Faith & Mission
Tamara Crosby	Business Manager

Pastoral House Leaders

Rob Johnson	Benedict
Hayley Williamson	Champagnat
Helen Perry	Lavalla
Danielle Mulcahy	MacKillop
Benn Jarrott	Montagne
Madonna Witham	Pelletier
Paul Towner	Samaritan

Education Leader- Wellbeing

Ian Sweeney

Guidance Counsellors

Martine MacKay
Angeline Lal

Program Leaders

Kyle Donaldson	Sport
Belinda Tucker	Music & Culture

Enrolments Officer

Michelle William



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