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***As we start this the 2016 College year together, let us focus on the
PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY****

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of
Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

* www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va

Dear Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Welcome to the 2016 academic year and the start of school. Like me, I am sure that you have been anxiously awaiting the return to school for your children. I have been back for a few weeks and while an empty school is a great time to do maintenance, it is a lifeless place. It is students that bring it to life. Sometimes the holidays can seem too long and children might start to get bored. Hopefully not and hopefully each and every student has returned having prepared themselves for the academic rigors that are to come with holiday homework completed and English novels read.

Occasionally parents express to me that they do not know how to motivate their children away from the X Box and the like. Amongst the publications that I subscribe to, I found this article and thought it might be of use.

HOW TO MOTIVATE A CHILD

If you find that despite your best efforts, your child prefers watching TV, playing video games or sniping at you every time you ask a chore to be done, you're not alone. Many parents fear they're raising a lazy child. The good news is, many children who appear lazy, aren't actually lazy at heart. Instead, they often need someone to identify what's holding them back from being productive.

DETERMINE THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE LAZINESS

Don't confuse laziness with defiance. They might refuse to do as you ask in an attempt to test their limits. Your child might be frustrated, for instance with homework they can't understand so they refuse to even get started. Determining why your youngster is unwilling to start or complete tasks is the first step into figuring out the best kind of motivation.

CREATE EXPECTATIONS, REWARDS AND CONSEQUENCES

Clearly state what you expect from your child, using 'I' statements. This might mean saying, "I want you to do your homework now", or "I want you to practise your instrument for 30 minutes". Once you state your expectations, give your child an opportunity to complete the task. If they don't get moving, follow through with a negative consequence like no TV time or taking away their devices until their work is done. On the other hand, hard work should be rewarded. While basic daily tasks such as household chores, homework or even just getting ready for school do not require rewards, going above and beyond does. Make the rewards small but enjoyable – a hug and a smile are often enough.

CULTIVATE INTEREST

Remember Newton's First Law of Motion: An object at rest stays at rest. An object in motion stays in motion. If your child frequently lazes about around the house, it will be harder to get them up and motivated. Cultivate interests and activities that will boost overall productivity.

A good start is to cultivate a desire to get more physical exercise by attending sporting events or playing rounds of tennis or basketball. Join your child in these activities to help show them that physical activity can be more fun than lazing around.

ENCOURAGE, DON'T CRITICISE, BUT DON'T ACCEPT POOR WORK EITHER

It's not only important to encourage your child, but also to encourage them appropriately. It's not enough to tell a lazy child how smart they are. Constantly telling your child they are smart builds the impression that it comes naturally and, therefore, they don't have to work harder. Instead, praise the effort, even if that hard work doesn't always pay off. But insist on the hard work. Never accept a poor job when you know they have barely exerted themselves and done only the bare minimum.

Acknowledgement: Amy Morin

THE THEME CHOSEN TO HELP GUIDE US THROUGH 2016

Over the past twelve months we have been discussing leadership centred around "Shepherd Leadership". Many of our discussions were centred around Psalm 23 and John 10. We intend to extend these themes this year and try to combine this concept with the Year of Mercy as decreed by Pope Francis.

"Merciful Like the Father"

The symbol that you will see on the front of the student planner and other places is the symbol published by the Vatican for this year.



There is much imagery within this symbol the simplest of which is Christ as a good shepherd, but not carrying a sheep but rather He is carrying humanity.

Essentially we are being asked to not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure

As a Catholic community there is much here for us.

To help us to reflect on this this year we will use two Gospel references:

1. Luke 6:36

Be Merciful just as your father is Merciful;

and to help us focus on our Shepherd Leadership

2. Mark 6:34

When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a Shepherd and He began to teach them many things.

Like Jesus our role is to teach many many things.

THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER:

The College newsletter is an important source of formation and information. It is published electronically each fortnight. Parents and families should read it from the College website each Monday evening on an alternative week arrangement.

THE PARENT PORTAL:

The Parent Portal is also a very important access point to the College. Excursion information, medical forms, individual family letters and reports are all published via the Parent Portal. Families should become familiar with the processes to use it.

The College will text message parents when it is important to check the information on the Parent Portal.

This year we welcome to the College a total of 265 Year 7 students all of whom were welcomed on Friday 29 January.

7 Blue

Blake Archer, Damon Atsi, Ava Bartusch, Samantha Brewer, Rebecca Bullen, Aiden Campbell, Trent Campbell, Nic Carrington, Harry Chivers, Jett Cole, Tamara Craig, William Geeves, Tiana King, Stephanie Martinez, Grace Moody, Brianna Moore, Alana Morabito, James Noceja, James Rhodes, Lilah Sanderson, Aimee Sartori, Jack Silvester, Ashley Tintor, Ryan Webb, Grace Whelan and Bella Woods.

7 Bronze

Madeleine Beard, Vincent Belford, Bella Bergamin, Brodie Bissels, Joe Corrone, Scout Delacy, Tiana Di Pietrantonio, Heath Dowling, Zoe Ford, Ashley Frazzetto, Sam Green, Bailey Halion, Lachlan Isbester, Margaret MacDonald, Hena North, Jordan Pace, Kyron Phillips, Madeleine Read, Sebastian Roberts, Lakoda Scopel, Alyssia Stevens, Keisha Sunderland, Bailey Thompson, Linkin Turchett, Emily Wicks and Mitchell Wolski.

7 Gold

Shayla Anderson, Mason Cole, Tilly Cottier, Ebony Damen, Natasha De Silva, Joshua de Wit, Connor Egan, Elijah Fredericks, Liam Gibson, Ella Henri, Dominika Kaczmarek, Madi Keating, Abbi Kelberg, Jayden Lavorgna, Caitlin Lowndes, Callum Ludwig, Thomas Mathers, Maddi Mount, Hardy Nagel, Lachie O'Connor, Andre Parlas, Joe Pignataro, Shae Preston, Oscar Robins, Lily Trewin, Caitlin Van Den Broek and Jacob Whitehouse.

7 Green

Mackenzie Adams, Selby Borg-McIlroy, Nathan Brierley, Zac Carolan, Cougar Cowan, Piper Crymble, Christian De Iulio, Cooper Devlin, Emma Di Paolo, Dylan Donovan, Liam English, Jessica Gamble, Georgia Haynes, Ellen McDonald, Lachie McIntyre, Tahlie Neilson, Chelsea Nunn, Sean O'Connor, Ethan Prentice, Levvy Rieschieck, Eliza Russell, Bradley Spieth, Brylee Styles, Charli Welsh, Abbey Wheeler and Kaylah Young.

7 Jade

Ella Arter, Max Bradley, Samara Brauman, Victoria Cappellucci, Thomas Carruthers, Codie Condon, Holly Fernando, Danielle Greene, Zoe Hendriks, Lilly May, Adam McKee, Paige McMaster, Joe Mung, Marek Orlowski, Jemma Paterson, Chantelle Pavey, Nicholas Piccioli, Lachlan Riddiford, Ruby Rock, Olivia Savini, Jaidyn Simpson, Nellie Stanley, Frank Toscano, Liam Tyzack, Charlotte Vranken, Amy Wahrenberger and Jake Wyatt

7 Orange

Hana Bainbridge, Jessica Bonanno, Peri Butcher, Daniel Chisholm, Lucas Cordedda, Isabella Elderhurst, Chelsea Emary, Tess Flint, Marshall Friswell, Cameron Isbel, Amelia Jerin, Matthew King, Mia Kusnezow, Maddi Macpherson, Jessica McGrath, Ben Morton, Reuben Muir, Jemma O'Regan, Thomas Reardon, Declan Russell, Marcus Salvitti, April Stewart, Talissa Tocci, Madeline Trimboli, Jared Wake, Tamara Whitmore and Mia Wright.

7 Purple

Sebastian Abbott, Darcy Byron, Tayla Cane, Liam Cox, Mitchell D'Aloisio, Robert Derma, Sebastian Finta, Kimberley Fiorentino, Laura Fitzgerald, Khaia Howlett, Katelyn Kollosche, Jay Lewington, Shanae Love, Taylah Martorella, Abbey McCann, Connor McGuire, Stacey Mercuri, Bailey O'Neil, Kaylah Pritchard, Alexander Renouf, Dianne Sayco, Daniella Scabellone, Xavier Spencer-Welch, Fletcher Stafford, Jarrod Voss, Kelly Whitchell and Molly Williams.

7 Red

Ashlea Calvi, Matthew Colliver, Lachlan Cox, Stephanie Darroch, Patrice Demetriou, Ashton Dobbin, Toby Fraser, Alec Grebe, Jack Hendrie, Madison Jackson, Joshua Keagan, Wiktoria Krawczyk, Jorja Matheson, Sarah Nichols, Beau Norney, Mikaela O'Brien, Jackson Parker, Blake Payne, Alisha Rowden, Harrison Sealey, Charlotte Sims, Olivia Siwek, Brianna Steele, Ford Treloar, Amy Vukic and Tash Vukic.

7 Silver

Sebastian Aisea, Aiden Badawy, Sam Colangelo, Alannah Conte, Tarin Cooper, Elijay Darrington, Olivia De Vincentis, Sophie Embleton, Mychal Enever, Cinzia Giudice, Niall Hudson, Sophie Jaworski, Holly Johns, Ryan Jones, Bella Keeling, William Logg, Flynn Michel-Collins, Poppy Rayner, Katelyn Ruscitti, Zoe Siwek, Jaimee Strachan, Connor Taylor, Mark Vanderkolk, Melinda Virgona, Macky Wilson and Jasmin Wood.

7 White

Alex Anderson, Jaidyn Askham, Declan Barker, Max Benson, Sarah Biasuzzo, Krishia Catungal, Lochie Cincotta, Georgia Cuteri, Amber Dalglish, Clara D'Angelo, Charlotte De Vries, Jasmine Dillon, Caitlin Fawdry, Molly Glenn, Beth Griffin, Jessica Herrod, Christopher Holmes, Flynn Kroeger, Nadia Mattucci, Erin McGarry, Sam Mitchell, Maddy Murray, Luke Phillips, Lucy Rogers, Holly Russell, Daniel Ryan and Courtney Sugrue.

We also welcome a number of students and their families to other year levels:

Year 8

Tali Butler, Faith Greenberger, Justin Platten and Mia Rooks.

Year 9

Faith Butler, Matthew Gamble and Michael Platten.

Year 10

Brianna Baxter, Gareth Crosley, Dakota Delacy, Jack George, Samuel Johnston-Bailey and Rielly McGibbony.

Year 11

Chloe Falla

Year 12

Denise Dalle Malle

Last week at our first Staff Liturgy for 2016 we as a staff welcomed back a number of returning staff:

Ms Maddy Fitzpatrick returning from family leave
Mrs Tamara Rundle returning from family leave

We also welcomed and commissioned a number of new staff at the Liturgy:

Mr Nick Brockhus as Teacher of Psychology, Science, Maths & RE
Mrs Anne Cochrane as Learning Support Coordinator
Miss Rebecca Doyle as Teacher of RE, Humanities & English
Mr Andrew Feher as Teacher of Humanities, PE & Sport
Mr Dale Gleeson as Campus Director – Barak & Teacher of English, PE, RE & Sport
Mr John Ioannou as Teacher of Maths, Science & English
Ms Toni Sanfilippo as VET/RTO Leader and Teacher of Psychology, VCAL & VET
Ms Krystle Samios as Teacher of English & Humanities
Mrs Helen Savaris as Learning Support Officer
Mr Yanzheng Ian Tan as Youth Ministry Officer
Mrs Kirsty White as Teacher of Food, Textiles & Sport
Sr Mary White rsm as Prayer & Liturgy Resource Person
Mr Tyler Ennis as AFL Events Management Trainee
Mr Thomas O'Keefe as AFL Science Trainee
Miss Taylah Moschetti as AFL Sport Trainee
Mr Brad Ryan as AFL Outdoor Education Trainee
Miss Erin Williams as AFL Administration Trainee

COMMUNITY OPENING MASS:

This year the Community Opening Mass will be held later on Wednesday 24 February at 7.30 pm in the Doyle Centre. This Eucharistic celebration is an important event in the life of the College for it is the first time that we as a complete community come together in prayer and recognise the importance of God in our lives. At this time we will also pray for a successful year of studies for all of our students, but especially the incoming Year 7 group and the Year 12 Class of 2016.

I would therefore hope and expect to see many families at this Mass.

PARKING AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS:

Please remember that there is a drop off and pick up zone inside the main entrance. Parking is restricted in both Allison Crescent and The Eyrie. **Please do not drop off or pick up students in either of these streets.** Such action will cause unnecessary congestion to our neighbours. Be aware of the strict parking restrictions that apply in the streets adjacent to the College. Cars are not allowed to stop in sections of these streets at the usual drop off and pick up times. Council Officers are likely to be present to supervise these parking restrictions and drivers who stop in the NO STANDING areas are likely to be fined. Students who have a medical condition that prevents them walking should be driven into the College via the main gate and dropped off as close as possible to her/his locker.



INFORMATION NIGHTS:

I look forward to the opportunity to welcome parents/guardians to the Parent Information Evenings scheduled in February:

VCE/VCAL – 9 February

A GUIDE TO PEOPLE TO CONTACT AT THE COLLEGE:

With this newsletter please find attached a Communications Guide. Hopefully it will help you when you wish to communicate with staff at the College.

God Bless

Philip A Morison
Principal



**Welcome
Back
Students**

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS - JOHN RODGERS

Dear Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

I begin this newsletter with a very warm welcome to Mount Lilydale Mercy College for the start of the 2016 school year. There was certainly much positive energy and many smiling faces as our students walked into the College on Monday 1 February. It is always exciting to begin a new school year, to start afresh and be ready to embark upon the many opportunities and wonderful challenges that the school year brings.

Our new students were warmly welcomed by staff, and our Year 12 students on Friday 29 January and although a little nervous, our Year 7 students were enthusiastically eager to begin their secondary schooling. They all seemed to have a wonderful day. I hope they continue to enjoy the Mercy welcome and hospitality that is a special part of this College.

As always, the College Calendar is full of wonderful activities for our students to become involved in. On Friday 12 February we will be holding the College Swimming Carnival. The McAuley Campus will compete at the Lilydale pool during periods 1 to 4 with the Barak Campus finishing off the day during periods 5 and 6. A reminder that 7 – 9 students will be returning to school and completing normal classes in the afternoon. Please do not arrange for early pick up from the pool.

As in the past, due to warmer weather, the month of February is a blazer free month. Students have the option of wearing their blazer to or from school. As new blazers will not be available from the Uniform Shop until 16 February, students without a blazer may wear their sports spray jacket to and from school. However, please support us in sending a clear message that jumpers may not be the outer garment to and from school. All other uniform expectation remain as normal.

Our Sunsmart Policy requires students to wear hats at recess and lunch during Term 1 and Term 4. The only hat that is permitted is the College bucket hat. Replacement hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. We encourage sunscreen to be applied and this is available from various locations around the school.



Please remember to keep us informed of anything that will assist us in helping your child reach their full potential. I look forward to working with you this year in my role as Acting Deputy Principal – Students.

John Rodgers
Acting Deputy Principal Students

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps/retreats, incursions & excursions for the benefit of your child. The CSEF is an annual payment to the school for students aged between 5 and 18 years inclusive.

\$125.00 for Primary school students

\$225.00 for Secondary school students **(This amount will automatically be credited to your school fee account)**

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one (27 January 2016) or;

on the first day of Term two (11 April 2016)

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, **are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the (a) or (b) above**

CSEF application forms are available to download from either our MLMC Finance Website or from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents must lodge a CSEF application form with a photocopy of your Health Care/Pension Card to the school by 29 February 2016.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Warning	8.45	8.45	8.45	8.45	8.45
Homeroom	8.50 – 9.00	N/A	8.50 – 9.00	8.50 – 9.00	8.50 – 9.00
Period 1	9.00 – 9.50	8.50 – 9.35	9.00 – 9.50	9.00 – 9.50	9.00 – 9.50
Period 2	9.50 – 10.40	9.35 – 10.20	9.50 – 10.40	9.50 – 10.40	9.50 – 10.40
Pastoral Care	N/A	10.20 – 11.05	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recess	10.40 – 11.00	11.05 – 11.25	10.40 – 11.00	10.40 – 11.00	10.40 – 11.00
Warning	11.00	11.25	11.00	11.00	11.00
Period 3	11.05 – 11.55	11.30 – 12.15	11.05 – 11.55	11.05 – 11.55	11.05 – 11.55
Period 4	11.55 – 12.45	12.15 – 1.00	11.55 – 12.45	11.55 – 12.45	11.55 – 12.45
Lunch 1	12.45 – 1.08	1.00 – 1.20	12.45 – 1.08	12.45 – 1.08	12.45 – 1.08
Lunch 2	1.08 – 1.30	1.20 – 1.40	1.08 – 1.30	1.08 – 1.30	1.08 – 1.30
Warning	1.30	1.40	1.30	1.30	1.30
Period 5	1.35 – 2.25	1.45 – 2.30	1.35 – 2.25	1.35 – 2.25	1.35 – 2.25
Period 6	2.25 – 3.15	2.30 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15	2.25 – 3.15
Dismissal	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15

Homeroom is of 10 minutes duration on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Pastoral Care/Assemblies are 45 minutes duration on a Tuesday (note this is now after Period 2).

Periods on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are of 50 minutes duration. Periods on Tuesdays are of 45 minutes duration.

Lunch break on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays is of 45 minutes duration. Lunch break on Tuesdays is of 40 minutes duration.

A Warning Bell rings 5 minutes before the start of Period 3 and Period 5. This signals the end of Recess or Lunch and all students must move immediately to lockers or rooms. They have 5 minutes to be assembled in class or outside the classroom door.

MCAULEY CAMPUS READING ROOM



The Year 7 students were keen to explore, discover and read in the new McAuley Campus Reading Room on their first day at the College. Students and staff alike appreciated the efforts of the College members who ensured the room was ready for the commencement of 2016. We look forward to sharing this new facility with all McAuley Campus students as they continue building their reading skills in both electronic and print form. We are indeed fortunate that we are able to offer our students such a print rich environment in the digital age ensuring that skills in reading online and in print are catered for.

FUNDRAISING

Fourteen years ago, Mary Terpstra (then President of Mt. Evelyn St Vincent de Paul Conference), provided the inspiration which resulted in Chris De Vincentiis propagating and selling tomato plants to raise money for charities.

The proceeds from these sales benefit St Vincent de Paul Society, Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart (Philippines), where Carol Terpstra, an old Collegian, is a Missionary Sister, Zambian Aids Orphans and Sister Sarah in Uganda - Little Sisters of St Francis.

Mount Lilydale Mercy College became involved five years ago when they offered facilities to expand this fund raising project. The community spirit and willingness to support this work has been most encouraging.

Chris would like to take this opportunity to thank the College Principal and staff, especially Mick Hill, Grounds Manager, and everyone who has supported this project, in many different way over the years.

Having reached his 80th year, Chris has now handed over this project to his nephews, Mario and Gino who will continue this great work. Each year Mario and Gino spend many hours in the Agriculture/Horticulture centre at Mount Lilydale Mercy College preparing the tomato plants. They are grown from seeds harvested from the previous year's crop. Students at MLMC are privileged to see these two dedicated retired farmers prepare and present tomatoes for sale each year. Approximately 4,000 plants are cultivated and sold through local school and parishes and the funds (averaging between \$8,000 and \$9,000) go to the above mentioned very worthy causes.

It is wonderful to witness such commitment and your support is greatly valued.

Gerry Donovan



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Opening Hours in Term 1

Thursday 12.00pm - 1.30pm

BOB STEWART

Trading Hours for Terms 1 and 2

Monday	12.30pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday	12.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	12.30pm - 4.00pm

PUBLIC TRANSPORT REMINDER

Please remember when travelling on Public Transport using a **concession** MYKI, you **MUST** carry a concession card. A Mount Lilydale Mercy College Student Card will **NOT** be enough.

Concession card application forms are available at Train Stations or on the Public Transport Victoria Website.



Amy Sheeey
Bus Coordinator

VCE & VCAL PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

A reminder that the VCE & VCAL Parent & Student Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 February at 7.30pm in Centennial Hall

Circular to Parents

Re: Communication Guideline for Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Welcome to the new school year. We look forward to an excellent year ahead. Term 1 has many exciting events including our College Mass, Year 7 Camps, Year 12 Retreats, Swimming and Athletics Carnivals and Catholic Education Week.

We remain genuinely committed to working with parents and guardians to ensure we are a community “that provides spiritual, emotional and intellectual assistance to each of its members” (College Mission Statement). It is essential that parents and teachers work together to ensure we do all we can for the young people in our care so that they may ‘have life and have it abundantly’ (Jn 10:10). A Win/Win approach to any issue is always our desired option.

The following guidelines might be useful for parents/guardians when contacting the College:

1. The best person to approach is the person directly involved in the issue;
2. If you would like to speak to a member of staff by phone, they can be contacted through the main switchboard on 9735 4022. If the staff member is not available when you telephone, you will receive a return call;
3. If you would like to speak to a member of staff in person, it is best to pre-arrange a meeting time with that person. This ensures you won't be kept waiting, as well as allowing the member of staff to be prepared with any information that would be helpful in your discussions;
4. Staff can also be contacted via email should you prefer this option;
5. In any discussion, it is expected that all parties will approach the situation with a positive frame of mind with respect to a good outcome being achieved. It is natural for conflict to occur in any community, but in a mature community this can be dealt with openly and justly to ensure positive outcomes for all. Respect for the dignity of the human person would require respectful, polite and mannered conversations.

1. Guidelines regarding Academic Progress:

- Your first point of contact should be your son's/daughter's subject teachers.
- Their Home Room Teacher is also a useful person to speak to regarding academic matters.
- If your discussions with the subject teacher have not reached a satisfactory outcome, you may wish to speak to the Faculty Leader.
- The Campus Learning Advisor is able to provide assistance to you and your child, especially in regard to matters extending beyond concerns in one subject.
- If you need further assistance after pursuing these options, you may wish to contact the appropriate Campus Director. They may call on the assistance of the Deputy Principal – Studies in situations which are complicated in nature.
- You may also make contact with the Deputy Principal – Studies.
- Further assistance in the last instance is available from the Principal.

2. Guidelines regarding Pastoral Concerns:

- Your first port of call should be your son's/daughter's Home Room Teacher.
- If the matter is of a private nature or is very serious, you may wish to contact our College Counsellors or the appropriate Year Level Leader.
- If you need further assistance after pursuing these options, you may wish to contact the appropriate Campus Director. These people may call on the assistance of the Deputy Principal – Students in situations which are complicated in nature.
- You may also make contact with the Deputy Principal – Students.
- Further assistance in the last instance is available from the Principal.



3. Medical and Health Concerns:

- The College is fortunate to have a qualified Nurse as well as a First Aid Officer available every day. Any health concerns can be discussed with them.

4. Guidelines regarding Financial Concerns:

- Please contact the Business Manager or Principal for confidential discussion of financial concerns.

5. Guidelines regarding Absence from School:

- If your son/daughter will be absent from school, please ring 9237 1365 as soon as possible so that this information can be passed on to the Home Room Teachers, Subject Teachers and Year Level Leaders.
- Any absence from school should be covered by a note from parents/guardians which your son/daughter should give to their Home Room Teacher on their return to school.
- If your son/daughter will be away from school for more than two days due to illness, please contact their Home Room Teacher. If your son/daughter can undertake some study during this absence, the Campus Learning Advisor will provide you with the appropriate work to help minimise the impact of your son's/daughter's absence on their academic progress.
- Families are also reminded that a condition of enrolment is the agreement not to withdraw students from school for more than 2 consecutive days for family holidays without the pre-arranged written permission of the Principal. The College strongly discourages students missing classes for social activities as such absences do impact on the learning of other students.

6. Careers Advice:

- The College has an expert Careers team who are available to students and parents with regard to advice in the all important careers area.

7. Subject Selection Advice:

- Information Evenings and Course Description Booklets will be available to assist with the selection of subjects.
- Students in Years 7 - 9 have the support of a Campus Learning Advisor, Mr Kamahl Russell, to assist with their subject selection. Students in Years 10 - 12 receive support from a Campus Learning Advisor Mr Matthew Vallis. Parents/Guardians can contact these staff members, the Faculty Leaders, the Peer Development Leader, the Campus Director or the Deputy Principal – Studies if they have a query about subject selection. Ms Toni Sanfilippo can be contacted with any queries about VET courses/subjects.

8. Enrolment Issues / Open Day / Information Nights:

- The College has a Registrar who is available to answer any questions parents/guardians may have with respect to enrolments, Open Days and Information Nights.

9. Buses:

- Enquiries about bus operations and bus passes should be directed into to the Office to Miss Amy Sheehy who can assist in this area.

The College Newsletter remains a vital part of our communication link with families. It contains information about events at the College and is emailed to families on a fortnightly basis. It can also be accessed via the College website.

We hope this guideline will be of assistance to you when contacting the College. Please refer to the table below for the names of people in key positions at the College who may be of assistance to you. We look forward to working with all members of the College community to ensure Mount Lilydale Mercy College continues to offer a vibrant educational experience for all of our students.

Yours sincerely



Philip A Morison
Principal

CONTACT DETAILS

Principal:

Mr Philip Morison

Deputy Principal – Mission:

Ms Elizabeth Keogh

Deputy Principal – Students:

Mr John Rodgers

Deputy Principal – Studies:

Mr Michael Johnston

Campus Directors:

Peer Development Leader: Mr Peter Molinari

McAuley (7-9)

Mrs Gail Preston

Barak (10-12)

Mr Dale Gleeson

Year Level Leaders:

Year 7 – Ms Ann Collins

Year 8 – Mrs Joanna Egan (Semester 1)

– Mrs Emily Farso (Semester 2)

Year 9 – Mr Terry Hill

Year 10 – Mr Neal Haining

Year 11 – Mr Steve Palmer

Year 12 – Mrs Janet Barr

Campus Learning Advisors:

Years 7 – 9: Mr Kamahl Russell

Years 10 – 12: Mr Matthew Vallis

Education Support Manager: Mrs Ann Rayner

Education Support Coordinator: Mrs Anne Cochrane

Sports Coordinator: Miss Danni Webb

Library and Information Services: Mrs Andrea Coney

Faculty Leaders:

Religious Education – Dr Paul Curtis

English – Mrs Alison Schlueter

Mathematics – Ms Sue Gunn (Semester 2)

– Ms Michelle Hansen (7-9) (Semester 1)

– Miss Sarah Carmody (10-12) (Semester 1)

Language – Mrs Marie Prusac

Health & Physical Education

- Mr Andrew Leaumont

Science – Mr Danny Katzen

The Humanities – Mrs Kerrie West (Semester 1)

– Miss Emma Whitehouse (Semester 2)

Technology – Mr Warren Stephenson

The Arts – Mr Ben Brice

Applied Learning Coordinator (VCAL)

- Mr Steve Tarulli

Business Manager: Mr Dean de Munk

Careers Teachers: Ms Angela Fontana, Mrs Jo-Anne Hopkins, Mr Victor Miles and Mrs Elizabeth Dufty

College Nurse: Ms Kristen Haggart

1st Aid Officer: Ms Catherine Arms

Counsellors:

Mr Tony Trevitt, Ms Anna Napoli

and Mrs Emma Stafford

School Wellbeing Coordinator/ Counsellor

Mrs Tina Tasiopoulos

Registrar: Ms Mary Ryan (Terms 2, 3 & 4)

Mrs Marilyn Ryan (Term 1)

Assistant Business Manager: Mrs Cathy Pote

Principal's Personal Assistant: Ms Kathy Broadbent

Office Manager: To Be Advised

Deputy Principal's Personal Assistant: Mrs Libby Bromiley



CLASSES, ROOMS AND HOME ROOM TEACHERS – 2016

YEAR SEVEN

7 BLUE	MAN 1.4	Mr Dan Kelly
7 BRONZE	MAN 1.3	Ms Jessica Tipping
7 GOLD	MAN 1.2	Mr Greg Hysted
7 GREEN	MAN 2.1	Ms Krystle Samios
7 JADE	MAN 2.2	Ms Mary McKenna
7 ORANGE	MAN 1.5	Mr Stuart Thornhill
7 PURPLE	MAN 2.3	Mr Marco Cardinali
7 RED	MAN 1.1	Mrs Claudie Thia
7 SILVER	MAN 1.6	Mrs Anne Cochrane
7 WHITE	MAN 2.4	Mr Michael Slagman

Year Level Leaders:

Ms Ann Collins/Mr Dan Kelly

YEAR TEN

10 BLUE	HTH1.2	Mr Leigh Worrell
10 BRONZE	FOR 1.5	Ms Rachel Berka
10 GOLD	HTH1.1	Mr Michael Kerr
10 GREEN	CAM 1.4	Mr Andrew Feher
10 JADE	HTH1.5	Ms Emily Attardi
10 ORANGE	FOR1.2	Mr Colin Johnson
10 PURPLE	HTH 1.3	Mrs Gaby Hansen/Ms Kirsty White
10 RED	HTH1.4	Mr Matthew Reilly
10 SILVER	HTH1.6	Ms Margaret Quinn
10 WHITE	FOR1.4	Mr Rod Kearney

Year Level Leaders:

Mr Neal Haining/Mr Matthew Reilly

YEAR EIGHT

8 BLUE	PWR2.9	Mrs Nerrida Burnham
8 BRONZE	PWR2.4	Mr Dan Beard
8 GOLD	PWR2.10	Mrs Hilda Cassidy
8 GREEN	PWR2.5	Mr Victor Miles
8 JADE	PWR2.2	Ms Rebecca Doyle
8 ORANGE	PWR2.7	Mrs Natasha Leaumont
8 PURPLE	PWR2.3	Mrs Melanie Baird
8 RED	PWR 2.8	Mr Nick Brockhus
8 SILVER	PWR2.6	Mr John Dimitracopoulos
8 WHITE	PWR2.1	Ms Natasha McKenzie

Year Level Leaders:

Mrs Joanna Egan/Mr John Dimitracopoulos

YEAR ELEVEN

11 BLUE	FOR1.3	Mr Dean Fox
11 GOLD	CAM 1.6	Mrs Elizabeth Van Oosterom
11 GREEN	SNT 1.2	Mr Steve Tarulli
11 JADE	HTH 0.3	Ms Dominic Hardiman
11 ORANGE	HTH 0.2	Mr Robert Risteski
11 PURPLE	CAM1.2	Mr Ben Brice
11 RED	CAM1.5	Ms Kerrie Dohrmann
11 SILVER	CAM1.1	Ms Emma Whitehouse
11 WHITE	FOR 1.1	Mr Denver Carron

Year Level Leaders:

Mr Steve Palmer/Mr Dominic Hardiman

YEAR NINE

9 BLUE	PWR2.18	Mrs Bhuwan Autar
9 BRONZE	PWR2.21	Mr Gayed Gayed
9 GOLD	PWR2.23	Ms Maybelle Pangilinan
9 GREEN	PWR2.14	Mr Ashley Gray
9 JADE	PWR2.15	Mr Tom Leydon
9 ORANGE	PWR2.17	Mr Trevor Murray
9 PURPLE	PWR2.19	Mr John Ioannou
9 RED	PWR2.11	Mr Richard Wicks
9 SILVER	PWR2.16	Ms Michelle Hansen
9 WHITE	PWR2.13	Ms Kathleen McMenamin

Year Level Leaders:

Mr Terry Hill/Mr Ashley Gray

YEAR TWELVE

12 BLUE	CAL1.9	Mr Steve Prosenak
12 GOLD	CAL1.2	Ms Toni Sanfilippo
12 GREEN	CAL1.4	Mr Andrew Leaumont
12 JADE	CAL1.5	Ms Simone Esmonde
12 ORANGE	CAL1.3	Mr Tim Thompson
12 PURPLE	CAL1.6	Mr Danny Katzen
12 RED	CAL0.1	Ms Jacqueline Doherty
12 SILVER	CAL1.1	Ms Belinda Routley
12 WHITE	CAL1.7	Ms Sarah Carmody

Year Level Leaders:

Mrs Janet Barr/Mr Tim Thompson

