



LIFE TO THE FULL

**Emmanuel  
College**

# **EC News**

**TERM 1 - 2023**

*Pursuing personal best* ★

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# PRINCIPAL'S *Reflection*

The events of Term 1 illustrate clearly all five characteristics of Marianist Education in action. As new members, including myself, have arrived, the hospitable welcome extended by this community has demonstrated the commitment to family spirit. This characteristic is supported through the house structures at Emmanuel College, where each student is a member of a homeroom in their house and is therefore known. This Marianist trait animates our educational community providing a climate where all learners are supported and support one another on their journey. Working in partnership with their teachers is instrumental to success.

Our commitment to faith is visible in our motto *Life to the Full*, and our educational experiences are intertwined with the goal for formation in faith. All students have opportunities to pray, take part in mass and to explore their own spiritual development. Students can also choose to serve others, to explore how justice can be promoted in our world and how peace can be attained despite difficult global events. Alongside these opportunities, students are provided with an integral, quality education. Within our classroom programs, and extending beyond our classrooms, our students engage in diverse and engaging learning programs. Our teachers work diligently to hone their craft as educators so that our students are engaged and can adapt and change as they are faced with new experiences that can be challenging.

The dedication to the Marianist characteristics for education enables us to be true to the holistic goals of Marianist education in that ... 'We don't educate for the school, nor merely for the years one is in school, but for life.' (F. Armentia, SM, Madrid: Ediciones, S.M., 1965, p. 247). All educators at Emmanuel College have a deep commitment to preparing our young people for life as informed and compassionate adults.

**Dr Janine Biggin**  
Principal



## Staff Service *Awards*

Congratulations to the following staff for their service to the College.



**10 YEARS SERVICE**

**PENNY COOK**



**20 YEARS SERVICE**

**ANDREW BABB**

It is wonderful to acknowledge the outstanding work of staff who serve the young men and women of our College. Thank you for continuing to demonstrate your breadth of knowledge across a range of fields.





# Opening College Mass



On Friday 10 February, we celebrated our Opening College Mass. This year, the liturgy was conducted at our Notre Dame Campus. College Captain Alessio Martiniello took his leadership pledge, promising to reflect the integral values that serve the foundation of our school.

Our theme for 2023 is "Faith can move mountains." - Matthew 17:20

May the entire Emmanuel community integrate this theme into their daily regimes throughout 2023, and use it as a driving factor for a prosperous year ahead.



# Year 12 Retreat

On Wednesday 1 March, Year 12 students travelled to Daylesford for their three-day retreat. With a predominant focus on self development, students were encouraged to set intentional goals for the year ahead. Additionally, an integral part of the experience was for students to facilitate deeper relationships with their peers and staff to optimise support through their final year of secondary school.

Over the duration of the three days, the Year 12s took part in team building exercises, painting, yoga, nature walks and trivia competitions. Students also heard from a motivational guest speaker, Michelle Newland. Michelle spoke of the disparate hardships she's faced, and how these experiences profoundly determined her overall mindset. Students were encouraged to draw motivation from Michelle, and use her experiences as a catalyst for a successful final year.





# Year 7 Camp

In Week 5, Year 7 students attended their first College camp at Portsea. The three-day experience provided a wonderful opportunity for students to meet those in their cohort, interact with staff and foster their sense of belonging to the Emmanuel community.



The camp was comprised of team-focused activities, whereby students had to collaborate, problem-solve and engage thoughtfully with one another. Some of the highlights included kayaking, high and low ropes, the giant swing, boogie boarding and bush cooking. It was excellent to see everyone fully immersed in each activity.

Portsea Camp has become an integral part of the Year 7 experience at Emmanuel, proving an invaluable opportunity for students to make a seamless transition to secondary school.

Well done to all students who participated!



# Year 9 Mission to Mars

This year, the College implemented a new Year 9 curriculum that allows students to select elective-based units within their core subjects. Integrating this model of learning increases engagement as students are able to select areas of study that interest them.

Mission to Mars is a new unit that falls under Science. Students recently visited the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC) where they completed a simulated mission to Mars.

Students were given different roles including commander, engineer, geologist, biologist, physicist and chemist. They had to collect and analyse samples before forming an answer to two questions: What is Mars' story? and Should we keep exploring?



# Social Justice

## Activities at Emmanuel

Throughout the term, students have conducted a variety of social justice initiatives in an ongoing effort to contribute to the local and broader community. The predominant focus this term has been raising funds for Caritas, an organisation that provides resources, education and support to vulnerable people experiencing hardship.

On March 16, students completed Camino for Caritas, where they walked from the College to Queen of Peace Church in Altona. As they walked, students carried buckets of water to gain first-hand experience of the adverse reality of vulnerable communities. Many people living in developing countries walk hours each day to retrieve water, food and essential supplies.



The College continues to support the work of the local Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and conducted a can drive throughout the term. Students, staff and families were encouraged to donate any canned foods and unopened toiletries. We collected more than 1,000 items for those in need.

Finally, the College continues to support Project Compassion, an ongoing campaign launched by Caritas. Each homeroom was given a money box for students and staff to donate where they could. The funds from this will be distributed to communities experiencing disadvantage and will facilitate education programs, infrastructure development and resource distribution.

Social justice initiatives serve as the foundation of our Marianist Characteristics, connecting our values with practice. Congratulations to all students and staff for their incredible work throughout the term.





# House Sports

## Athletics Day



First Place	<b>Winters</b> 1,462.2 points
Second Place	<b>Cassidy</b> 1,394.2 points
Third Place	<b>McCoy</b> 1,375.4 points
Fourth Place	<b>McCluskey</b> 1,364.2 points
Fifth Place	<b>Chaminade</b> 1,349.2 points



On Tuesday 14 February we held our annual Athletics Carnival at SPC. It was excellent to see students participating in a variety of events. A special mention to our VCAL students for providing a sausage sizzle. Congratulations to all involved for demonstrating excellent attitudes and achieving personal best.

# Languages

## Week

Towards the end of Term 1, students participated in a range of workshops relative to the languages offered at Emmanuel: Italian and Japanese.

Students were immersed in performances from Italian Musical troupes, Commedia dell'Arte (Italian comedy show), Japanese Rakudo and took part in Judo workshops.

Languages Week provides students with engaging learning opportunities and facilitates their comprehension of cultural differences.



# Alumni Business Breakfast

On March 15 we held our annual Alumni Business Breakfast at St Paul's Campus. Guest speaker Andrew Gaze AM spoke of his experiences as a player and coach in the National Basketball League (NBL) as well as his legacy and philanthropic work. He discussed his involvement in the Beehive Foundation, a NFP organisation that engages youth with free programs aimed at developing resilience, confidence and self-esteem. Gaze's interview-style presentation encapsulated the incredible achievements of a life-long career and left everyone feeling inspired. It was excellent to see so many former Collegians networking and reminiscing whilst enjoying a delicious breakfast.



## 2023 Nexus Mentoring Program

In 2023 the Nexus Mentoring Program continues to thrive, with 20 mentors from varying career fields set to work with selected Year 11 and 12 students. The program allows mentors to work with students seeking a career in the same profession. Over the past few years, the Nexus Mentoring Program has achieved outstanding success, proving an invaluable experience for our senior students as they navigate the process of choosing a career.



## 2023 College Musical 'The Addams Family'

Emmanuel College is excited to announce the return of our School Musical. This year, the College is performing *The Addams Family*.

Students have been rehearsing since the beginning of term, under the guidance of Director, Ms Gianna Galea and her support staff. They continue to refine and perfect their acts, in preparation for a triumphant production.

The Musical will commence May 26, with a matinee and evening performance to be held in the McCoy Hall, St Paul's Campus. We are looking forward to seeing our students' hard work come to fruition.



# OPEN DAY



## Sunday 21 May

### St Paul's Campus

10.30am – 1.30pm

#### **Presentations**

Principal – 11.15am

Campus Leader – 12.20pm

### Notre Dame Campus

11.00am – 2.00pm

#### **Presentations**

Campus Leader – 11.45am

Principal – 1.10pm

Emmanuel College will be holding our annual Open Day between 10.30am and 2.00pm. This provides a wonderful opportunity for prospective students and parents to see all that our school has to offer, including hearing from our Principal, enjoying a tour, speaking with students and staff and experiencing the subjects in action.

**Enrolment Applications – Year 7, 2025 – Close 18 August 2023**

To RSVP your attendance, please register at  
<https://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/open-day-form>

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