



College Newsletter

From the desk of

29 MAY 2026

Janine Biggin

The Principal

As we pass the halfway mark of Term 2, students are to be commended on their focus and commitment to both their studies and extra-curricular endeavours. It has been pleasing to see students engaging positively in their learning while also embracing the many opportunities available beyond the classroom.

Another highlight of recent weeks has been the outstanding success of our College musical. The performances showcased the remarkable talents of our students, both on stage and behind the scenes. The dedication, creativity, and teamwork demonstrated throughout the rehearsal process and performances were truly impressive. Congratulations to all students and staff involved in delivering such a high-quality production and providing a memorable experience for our school community.

A further highlight was the NDC Athletics Carnival, held on Thursday, 29 May, at Newport. The carnival was a wonderful celebration of participation and school spirit. Our students represented Emmanuel College with pride, demonstrating enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour throughout the day. I congratulate all students who took part and thank the staff who supported the event and contributed to its success.

With Semester 1 examinations approaching, students will soon have the opportunity to review and consolidate their learning from the first half of the year. These examinations are an important part of the learning process, helping students to reflect on their progress while also developing the study habits and examination techniques that will support their success in future years.

Students are encouraged to follow the study hints and revision strategies provided by their teachers and to make the most of the preparation time available. Establishing a consistent study routine and completing revision activities will help students approach their examinations with confidence. Most importantly, students should focus on doing their best and taking pride in the effort they invest in their preparation and performance.

This week we also acknowledge World Environment Day, celebrated annually on 5 June. As a Marianist school, we are called to live out the characteristic of Educating for Service, Justice and Peace, recognising our responsibility to care for God's creation and to be good stewards of the world entrusted to us. Through our daily actions and choices, we can each contribute to a more sustainable future and demonstrate respect for the environment and for one another.

'Peace be with you'

John - 20:19

Principal

Prayer for World Environment Day

Loving God,

We thank You for the beauty and wonder of creation. Open our eyes to the gifts of the earth and help us to recognise our responsibility to care for them.

Guide us to be thoughtful stewards of the environment, making choices that protect and preserve the world for future generations. May we act with wisdom, compassion, and respect for all living things.

As members of the Emmanuel College community, inspire us to live out the Marianist call to service, justice, and peace by caring for our common home and supporting one another in building a more sustainable future.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dr Janine Biggin
Principal

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John - 20:19

Student Wellbeing

From the desk of the

Deputy Principals

Building a Safe and Respectful Community at Emmanuel College

At Emmanuel College, we are committed to ensuring that every student and staff member feels safe, respected, valued and able to flourish within our learning community. As a Catholic school in the Marianist tradition, we believe that authentic learning and wellbeing can only occur in environments where relationships are characterised by dignity, respect, compassion and responsibility.

Recently, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) introduced updated guidance regarding the suspension of students. The policy reinforces that suspension is a formal process used when serious behaviours place the safety, wellbeing or dignity of others at risk. Importantly, the purpose of suspension is not simply punitive, but restorative, providing an opportunity for reflection, support and a collaborative plan for positive change.

The updated MACS guidance outlines that suspension may occur when behaviours include verbal or physical abuse, behaviours that humiliate or vilify others, cyberbullying, unsafe conduct, significant disruption to learning, or actions that jeopardise the safety and wellbeing of members of the community.

At Emmanuel College, we take these matters extremely seriously. Behaviour is not simply about rules; it is about relationships, human dignity and the impact our actions have on others. Increasingly, schools across Australia are witnessing the psychosocial harm that unsafe, disrespectful and aggressive behaviours can have on students, teachers and families. Staff and students have the right to feel emotionally and physically safe at school. No member of our community should come to school fearful of humiliation, intimidation, abuse, harassment or aggression.

As a College, we will not tolerate behaviours that compromise the safety, wellbeing and dignity of others. This includes behaviours occurring both onsite and online, including cyberbullying, inappropriate use of social media, threatening behaviour, discriminatory language, deepfake or AI-generated harmful content, and conduct that damages the respectful culture we strive to build each day.

Our approach remains firmly grounded in restorative practice, support and partnership with families. However, restorative practice does not mean the absence of consequences. Clear boundaries, accountability and high expectations are essential if we are to maintain calm, predictable and safe learning environments where all students can thrive.

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Student Wellbeing

This commitment aligns strongly with the MACS 2030 vision, Forming Lives to Enrich the World, which calls Catholic schools to place the dignity and flourishing of every student at the centre of all we do. MACS reminds us that Catholic education seeks to form the whole person through lives shaped by faith, hope and love in the light of Jesus Christ. At Emmanuel College, this vision is deeply connected to our Marianist Characteristics of Education, particularly family spirit, educating for adaptation and change, and providing an integral quality education.

We want our young people to understand that excellence is not only measured academically. Excellence is also reflected in the way we speak to others, respond to challenges, regulate emotions, show compassion, and contribute positively to community life. We are striving to form young people who enrich the world through respectful relationships, empathy, courage and integrity.

Families play a vital role in this partnership. We thank our parents and carers for their ongoing support in reinforcing respectful behaviour, appropriate online conduct, and shared expectations around safety and dignity. Together, we can continue to ensure Emmanuel College remains a community where every student is inspired and enabled to flourish and live life to the full.

Denis Palanci and Anita Duhig
Deputy Principals - Student Wellbeing

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Learning and Teaching

From the desk of the

Deputy Principal

Learning and Teaching Updates and Reminders.

As we continue through a busy and exciting term at Emmanuel College, there are several important events and updates for students and families to keep in mind. From upcoming examinations and subject planning to the continued rollout of our new Learning Management System, there is much happening across the College community in Learning and Teaching.

Preparing for Upcoming Exams

Students in Years 8 to 11 are now beginning preparations for upcoming examinations and final assessment tasks for the semester. This is an important opportunity for students to consolidate their learning, refine study habits and approach their studies with confidence and organisation.

At Emmanuel College, our teaching staff continue to support students through revision activities, study guidance and feedback to help every student achieve their personal best. Families can assist by encouraging positive routines at home, including balanced study schedules, regular rest and open communication about wellbeing during this busy period.

Detailed Exam information and schedules will be communicated through the Directors of Learning at each Campus via Compass and email. Please keep an eye on these for any updates to the examination period.

Continued Rollout of the New Learning Management System

We are pleased to see the continued positive implementation of our new Learning Management System (LMS), Compass, across the College. The platform is already enhancing the way students and parents can access learning materials, communicate with teachers and manage assessment tasks.

Compass continues to provide students with a more streamlined and engaging learning experience, while also supporting stronger communication between school and home. Families are now able to access clearer information regarding coursework, assessment tasks and classroom updates. If you have any questions about your child's classwork please contact the subject teacher at any time.

We continue to roll out different sections of the program and refine what we have released already. In the next few weeks you will see updates to individual music lessons and online forms. Excursion permissions are also being enhanced for parents and staff to better monitor these and the information provided for them.

We thank our students, staff and families for their patience and support as we continue to embed the new system across the College. This initiative represents an important step in strengthening digital learning and supporting student success.

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Learning and Teaching

From the desk of the

Deputy Principal

Subject Selection and Course Planning

Planning for 2027 pathways and subject selections will commence later this term for many of our students. This process provides an important opportunity for students to reflect on their strengths, interests and future aspirations as they consider their educational journey beyond the classroom.

Our Learning and Teaching Team as well as our Careers Counsellors will work closely with students to ensure they feel informed and supported when making decisions about subject choices, Year 9 and 10 options as well as VCE and VET options, and future study or career pathways.

Families are encouraged to engage in these conversations at home and to take advantage of the resources and guidance available through the College Careers website.

Careers and Senior Pathways Evening

Emmanuel College warmly invites students and families to attend our upcoming Careers and Senior Pathways Evening on Monday 22nd June at the Notre Dame Campus. This important event will provide valuable information about senior school programs, tertiary pathways, apprenticeships, traineeships, vocational education and future career opportunities.

Students and families will have the opportunity to hear from College staff, careers advisors and external providers, helping them gain a clearer understanding of the many options available after secondary school.

We strongly encourage students and families to attend, particularly for those approaching their senior years, as this evening is designed to support informed decision-making and future planning. Information will be communicated to families closer to the event.

At Emmanuel College, we remain committed to supporting every student to thrive academically, personally and spiritually as they prepare for their future. We thank families for their continued partnership with us.

Leah Elmer

Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching

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Social Justice

Kids View Conference 2026

On 14th of May, students from both the Notre Dame and St Paul's campuses represented Emmanuel College at the annual Kids View Conference, held at St Columba's College in Essendon. This inspiring event was organised by Bahay Tuluyan, an organisation dedicated to upholding and protecting the rights of children. Bahay Tuluyan, meaning 'a shelter or a home to stay' in Filipino, works tirelessly to create a world where every child is safe, respected and heard. Their mission focuses on preventing and responding to abuse and violence against children, while empowering young people, families and communities to advocate for and protect children's rights.

Throughout the day, our students joined peers from a range of schools and engaged in a series of interactive workshops. These sessions challenged participants to step into the shoes of individuals experiencing marginalisation and injustice, helping them develop empathy and a deeper understanding of global inequality. Through role-playing activities and collaborative discussions, students explored real-world issues and reflected on the daily struggles faced by many around the globe.

The conference was both thought-provoking and empowering, providing students with valuable insights into social justice and the importance of standing up for the rights of others. We commend our students for their enthusiastic participation and thoughtful engagement throughout the day.



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College Captains

Hi everyone!

We are already halfway through Term 2 and it has been a great term so far! It's only been 6 weeks but we have had lots going on and we can't wait to tell you all about it.

One of the biggest events we've had yet has been Marianist Day. Marianist Day is a great way to connect with the Marianist history and traditions of our school. Every year, we have a mass in the morning involving a 'Welcome to Country' by Uncle Shane, Eucharist, and a raffle at the end for each house. Once mass is finished, the students get to enjoy rides, performances by VET music students, food stalls run by VM students, and a new addition of karaoke. Karaoke was a huge success, and we are looking forward to making this a regular occurrence to help boost morale.

In addition to all the events we've been planning, we've also been hard at work behind the scenes. Over the last few weeks, House Captains have been interviewing Year 7 leadership candidates, and the final appointments have now been confirmed! Congratulations to every new leader, we're looking forward to meeting with you all soon and introducing you to our school's student leadership structure!

We have also just run something that we've planned for a while now, which is a whole school student survey. We sent out a form to every single student at NDC asking for their feedback and comments on everything in our school and have gathered well over 250 responses! Thank you to every student who contributed, we have read every single piece of feedback so far and we look forward to following it up through emails and meetings with different leadership figures at the school.

Also keep in mind that senior students are deep into SACs at the moment, and the GAT and exams are coming up towards the end of term as well, so don't forget to support your children who may be studying or struggling with stress.

We hope everyone stays warm and well as we head into the winter months! We're nearly halfway through the year, and we look forward to sharing even more of our plans with you soon!

Samuel Bonser and Amalie Haisman
College Captains - NDC

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Music

Year 7 Concerts

We look forward to the Semester 1 Year 7 Concerts on Wednesday June 17, 2026. These concerts are a celebration of student efforts over the semester and attendance is compulsory for all students involved:

Year 7 Concert 1: Quiroga Auditorium, Notre Dame Campus, 6:30pm

Notre Dame Classes: 7NB and 7NF

St Paul's Class: 7SB

7 Music Plus/School Ensembles: NDC Junior Strings and EC Junior Concert Band

Year 7 Concert 2: Quiroga Auditorium, Notre Dame Campus, 7:30pm

Notre Dame Classes: 7ND, 7NH and 7NJ

St Paul's Class: 7SD

7 Music Plus/School Ensembles: NDC Junior Strings and EC Junior Concert Band

Music Lessons

Those undertaking private or paired lessons at the College are advised that our Terms and Conditions have recently been updated. We encourage all involved to consider the updates to the conditions by going to https://bit.ly/EC_Music_Terms_and_Conditions

Of particular note, the school has moved to clearly delineate between those who undertake lessons and participate in ensembles, and those who do not participate in ensembles. The latter will be deemed to be undertaking lessons only which will attract a significantly higher fee rate moving forward. All students and parents are asked to consider the impacts.

Music Lesson Cancellation

Parents who have enrolled their child for music lessons and music participation at the school are reminded that once enrolled, music lesson registration is ongoing year in, year out until such time as correspondence is sent to music@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au advising of cessation. Such notice is to be received no later than four weeks before the end of any given term.

Carmelo Puglisi
Director of Music

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Winters House Report

Term 2 has been extremely exciting for our NDC Winters community so far, with new House events taking place for increased energy and shared House spirit, and where bonds are strengthened daily and memories created.

Our Winters Footy Tipping Competition has been continuing on from Term 1, with Homerooms tipping online weekly on their AFL preferences and aiming not only at getting their favourite AFL team to win the 2026 footy season, but also at cashing out a full pizza lunch for their group should they get the most correct amount of tips by September!

Simultaneously, our Year 12 Winters Sports leaders Julian Shetz and Tommy Hanson, supported by our other Winters leaders Mason Daly, Nicholas Hayes and Jayden D'Souza, have kept busy running and umpiring the Winters Crab Soccer Competition every Tuesday and Thursday this term. On those days, our Homerooms have been playing a different type of soccer against each other weekly in the Winters Learning Street, showcasing their athletic crab-like moves whilst attempting to score goals in order to advance in the tournament. ...Such a fun competition to watch!

Fun Friday Trivia has also been an exciting addition to our Winters shared time this term, with students challenging each other through funny and silly Kahoots, created by our Winters leaders Ruchelle Jacob and Victoria Park, and smartly aiming at getting students to better know their peers, whilst starting their school day with fun and laughs.

Moreover, the second half of the term will see our Winters Homerooms getting creative and decorating their classrooms for some more friendly rivalry and spirited competition, which will surely produce some more fun and great results!

Below, are the lovely posters created by our Winters Leaders Mavis Kong and Syona Sharma to advertise the events:



We also take this opportunity wish Winters all the best in this year's NDC Athletics Carnival, where we will look forward to joining our fellow students and teachers cheering loudly and showing unwavering support for their peers, for an even more electric atmosphere with excitement and school spirit on full display. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our supportive homeroom teachers for their incredible organisation and encouragement of student-led initiatives within Winters House. Your dedication plays a vital role in bringing these activities to life, and we are truly grateful for your continued support of our student leaders.

Lavinia Setini and Daniel Hindmarch
Winters House Leaders - NDC

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Chaminade Homeroom Report

Throughout the term, students have participated in a variety of Homeroom activities designed to build connections and encourage involvement. One highlight was the Mother's Day card-making activity, where students showed great creativity and thoughtfulness in preparing cards for their families. Students have also enjoyed a range of group activities and trivia competitions, which have helped foster teamwork, participation, and a positive atmosphere within the Homeroom.

We are also excited to launch an upcoming House art competition, which will provide students with another opportunity to showcase their creativity and contribute to House spirit. We look forward to seeing the talent and enthusiasm students bring to this event.

It has been pleasing to see students engaging positively with one another and contributing to the welcoming environment within Chaminade House.

Congratulations also to Odellon, Fideline, Marcus and Dew for representing Emmanuel College so successfully in the recent SACCSS Badminton competition, where the College achieved outstanding results. Their hard work, teamwork and positive attitude were excellent reflections of Chaminade House.

Gerard Neenan and Tim Kelleher
Chaminade House Leaders - NDC

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Chaminade Homeroom Report

As we move further into the school year, our Homeroom community continues to demonstrate what it means to be part of Chaminade, showing spirit, involvement and support for one another. From celebrations and competitions to leadership initiatives and strengthening connections across year levels, there has been plenty happening within our House and wider school community.

One of the highlights recently was our Marianist Day celebrations. This day gave students the opportunity to reflect on the values and traditions that shape our school community. Marianist Day was filled with enthusiasm and participation. It was encouraging to see students actively involved throughout the day, whether it be the opening mass, sport, competitions or games, all embracing the occasion with positivity and school pride.

Another exciting event happening is the Chaminade European Handball Competition, which finds the Chaminade community battling it out to represent their homeroom. It's been great to see the level of passion the students bring to not only win for their homeroom but uplift those to participate as a collective.

The Footy Tips competition has also become a regular source of excitement and conversation. Week after week, students eagerly compare predictions, discuss results, and celebrate victories. Friendly rivalries have emerged, creating another way for students to connect and engage with one another.

Communication and collegiality across Year 7–12 in Homeroom has continued to grow positively. One of the strengths of our community is the relationships formed between students of different year levels. It has been great seeing older students helping younger students settle in, offering advice, and creating a welcoming environment. Likewise, younger students have confidently participated and contributed to discussions and activities. Building these relationships creates a stronger sense of belonging and ensures that everyone feels supported and valued.

Our Peer Mentors have also continued to play an important role in supporting students. Their guidance, encouragement and willingness to help others have contributed greatly to maintaining a positive atmosphere within Homeroom. Peer Mentors serve as role models and help strengthen connections throughout the year levels, ensuring students always have someone they can approach for support.

Additionally, Chaminade Student Leaders recently gathered for a meeting to discuss what more we can do to strengthen and improve our Chaminade community. Productive conversations focused on ideas to increase student engagement, create further opportunities for participation, and continue building a positive school culture. It was encouraging to see leaders committed to listening to student voices and working together to create meaningful initiatives for the future.

As we continue through the term, we look forward to more opportunities to connect, celebrate and strengthen our Homeroom community together.

Matthew Farrugia
Chaminade House Leader - SPC

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SACCSS

NDC Sport Update

It has been an outstanding period for our student athletes, with many representing the College at elite levels and achieving success across a wide variety of sports.

Swimming

Congratulations to Amelia Broughton, Immanuel Komaling, Jouela Cruz, Lan Nguyen, Matthew Dacey and Tahj McColl, who have been selected to represent SACCSS at the upcoming VSAC Swimming Championships. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects their commitment and hard work in the pool.

Further highlighting the strength of our swimming program, Amelia Broughton has also been selected in the Team Vic Swim Team and will compete at the School Nationals in June. We wish Amelia all the best as she takes on this prestigious opportunity.

AFL

Our Senior Girls AFL team has had a tremendous campaign, finishing in the top two in the Division 2 Tournament and progressing through to the grand final. A special mention to Sophie Hofman, who was named equal best player of the tournament - a fantastic individual achievement in a strong team performance.

Cross Country

Our SACCSS Cross Country athletes delivered impressive performances, with several podium finishes:

- Brandon Morgan - 1st place (13-year-old boys)
- Jakob Miloi - 1st place (17–20-year-old boys)
- Marley Locastro - 3rd place (14-year-old girls)

These results are a testament to the dedication and endurance of our runners.

Futsal

A huge congratulations to Stavva Das, who represented Australia in the Under 14 Futsal team during a tour of the United Kingdom. This is an incredible achievement at an international level, and we are proud to see Stavva competing on the global stage.

Soccer

Vasili Simosis has been selected in the Under 18 Team Vic Soccer squad and will compete in the National School Carnival. Additionally, Axel Spiridonis and Ethan Ristevski have been named as emergencies, demonstrating the depth of talent within our soccer program.

Hockey

Hayley Jeromson has been selected to compete in the International Youth Hockey Cup, which will take place in Sydney from June 22–28. This is a fantastic opportunity for Hayley to compete against top international talent.

Badminton

In the SACCSS Open Badminton Tournament, our students performed exceptionally well:

- Fideline and Dew were crowned Girls Open A Champions
- Marcus and Odellon claimed the Boys Open A Championship

These results highlight the strong skill level and teamwork displayed by our badminton players.

Netball

Congratulations to Tahlia Whear, who has been named the best player in the SACCSS Senior Division 1 season. This outstanding recognition highlights Tahlia's consistency, skill and leadership throughout the competition.

Brad Robertson
Sports Leader

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Volleyball at Emmanuel - Then and Now



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Penny Cook
College Archivist

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Calendar Term 2, Weeks 7A AND 8B

1 June	SPC College Tour 9.15am
2 June	NDC College Tour 9.15am Casual Dress Day for Social Justice SACCSS - Senior Volleyball / AFL Round 6
3 June	ACC Senior Football - EMM v FTG Senior Soccer - SAL v EMM
4 June	ACC Yr. 8 Football - PAR v EMM, Yr. 8 Soccer - EMM v WFD, Yr. 7 Football - SBB v EMM, Yr. 7 Soccer - WFD v EMM SACCSS - Yr. 7 Premier League Round 6
8 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
9 June	SACCSS - Senior Volleyball / AFL Round 7
10 June	ACC Senior Football - SMC v EMM Senior Soccer - EMM v PAR
11 June	ACC Yr. 8 Football - EMM v SMC, Yr. 8 Soccer - EMM v SBE, Yr. 7 Football - EMM v MAZ, Yr. 7 Soccer - EMM - BYE SACCSS - Yr. 7 Premier League Round 7

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 Exams - Tuesday 9 June - Thursday 18 June

**Parent Community - Free information sessions for
Term 2**

<https://speldvic.org.au/events-information-sessions/>

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