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College Newsletter

From the desk of The Principal

19 OCTOBER 2026

Janine Biggin

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4.

As we enter Week 3 of Term 4, our Year 12 students are well underway with their examination preparations, undertaking their study at home. We wish them well as they consolidate their learning and encourage them to stay connected with their teachers for guidance and support.

Students in Years 7 to 10 have also undertaken their annual PAT Maths and PAT Reading assessments as part of the College's annual assessment program. These assessments help us monitor students' progress over time and inform planning for their ongoing learning needs.

Celebrating the Class of 2026
On Thursday, our final Year 12 assemblies provided an opportunity for all staff and students to acknowledge our departing cohorts and celebrate their contribution to the Emmanuel community. These gatherings were a meaningful occasion to reflect on their years at the College and wish them well for the next stage of their lives.

It was wonderful to continue these celebrations at both campuses on Friday. This year's onsite Celebration Days brought students and staff together to share breakfast and enjoy a range of activities as we marked this significant milestone.

Holding the celebrations at the College enabled all staff to take part, including those who would not usually have accompanied students to an offsite event. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the relationships developed throughout our students' years at Emmanuel. The occasion was enjoyed by staff and students alike.

We now look forward to the official Graduation Mass and Ceremony for the Class of 2026 this Friday, 23 October, when we will gather with families to acknowledge our graduates and give thanks for their contribution to the Emmanuel community.

Year 11 Stepping into Senior Leadership
On Monday, an assembly was held with our Year 11 students at the Notre Dame Campus to welcome them as the College's most senior students. This is a significant transition, bringing opportunities to lead through their everyday actions and set a positive example for younger students.

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During the assembly, we outlined the wellbeing and learning support available as students complete their studies and prepare for final examinations or subject submissions. Students currently undertaking Year 12 subjects can meet with their teachers or undertake personal preparation in Study Hall before their examinations.

We also discussed the significance of the College uniform and the expectations that come with wearing a formal school uniform. Students were reminded that, before leaving home each morning, they have already made a decision about one College rule: whether they are wearing their uniform correctly.

Our uniform represents our community and communicates a sense of belonging. Wearing it correctly is a daily expression of respect for the College and for the expectations we share. As our most senior students, Year 11 students have an important role in modelling this commitment.

We look forward to seeing what this cohort will offer the College as they build on the legacy of our departing Year 12 students and make their own contribution to life at Emmanuel.

I also wish to acknowledge our newly appointed student leaders for 2027 across both campuses.

Notre Dame Campus Student Leaders 2027

Leadership role	Student leaders
College Captains	Isabella Fernandes and Antonio Farriciello
Advisory Council Student Member	Zoe Jefferies
Sports Captains	Jordyn Brock and Oliver Jasky
Academic Captains	Isaac French and Willow Baily-Caird
Arts Captains	Lauren Pitts and Jared Loader
Mission Faith Captain	Isabella Fernandes
Mission Justice Captain	Zoe Jefferies
FIRE Carrier Captain	Yasmin Suchodolski
VCE VM Captains	Kai McFarlane and Samuel King

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Notre Dame House Leadership

House	House Captains	Sport Leaders
Cassidy	Isaac French and Kamille Paed	Jordyn Brock and George Saunders
Chaminade	Negung Perme and Antonio Farriciello	Julieta Salas Cordero and Sienna Camensuli
McCluskey	Willow Baily-Caird and Djana Wilkinson	Oliver Jasky and Samuel King
McCoy	Brianna Chetcuti and Jaedon Panoy-Ducusin	Holly Brown and Vasili Simosis
Winters	Jasmine Dang and Stasia Alves	Joshua Caruana and Katrina Lapitan

St Paul's Campus Student Leaders 2027

Leadership role	Student leader
College Captain	Nicholas Weghaus
Advisory Captain	Johnny Nguyen
VCE VM Captain	Kyle Butler
Academic Captain	Omar Abdul-Ghaffar
Arts Captain	Jeremy Phraphone
Technology Captain	Kento Tanaka-Maganja
College Sports Captain	Darcy Tredinnick
FIRE Carrier Captain	James Calder
Mission Justice Captain	Johnny Nguyen
Mission Faith Captain	Kevin Tia

St Paul's House Leadership

House	House Captain	House Vice Captain	Sports Captain
Cassidy	Johnny Nguyen	Jack Tripodi	Darcy Tredinnick
Chaminade	Omar Abdul-Ghaffar	Thomas Hicks	Thomas Hicks
McCluskey	Leon Crowe	Marcus Vaccaro	Billy McGregor
McCoy	Nawin Hogg	Muhammad Sajjad	Nawin Hogg
Winters	Nicholas Weghaus	Ibrahim Ali	Nate Brunato

We congratulate these students and look forward to supporting them as they lead and serve our College community.

Timetable 2027
The College has received the first draft of the 2027 timetable, and is now reviewing and refining it. This process supports our preparations for the coming year and the learning programs available to students across both campuses.

Students will receive their subject allocations and booklists well before the conclusion of the 2026 school year. This will support Head Start for our senior year levels and allow families sufficient time to order the required learning materials.

A Prayer for Our Senior Students
We now offer prayers in support of our Year 12 VCE students as they prepare for their examinations:

Loving God,
We place our senior students in your care as they prepare for their examinations.
Help them to approach each day with purpose and trust in the learning they have gained.
When they feel overwhelmed, bring calm to their hearts.
When the work is difficult, renew their confidence to keep going.

May Mary, our mother, walk beside them,
helping them to face uncertainty with faith.
In the Marianist spirit of family, may they know
that they are held in the prayers of our Emmanuel community.

Principal

Bless the teachers and families who support them.
Help our students to balance study with rest
and to offer kindness and encouragement to one another.
As they enter each examination, grant them clear minds
and the confidence to express what they know.
Remind them that their worth reaches far beyond any result
and that your love remains with them in all that lies ahead.

May the peace of Christ be with them.

Amen.

Dr Janine Biggin
Principal

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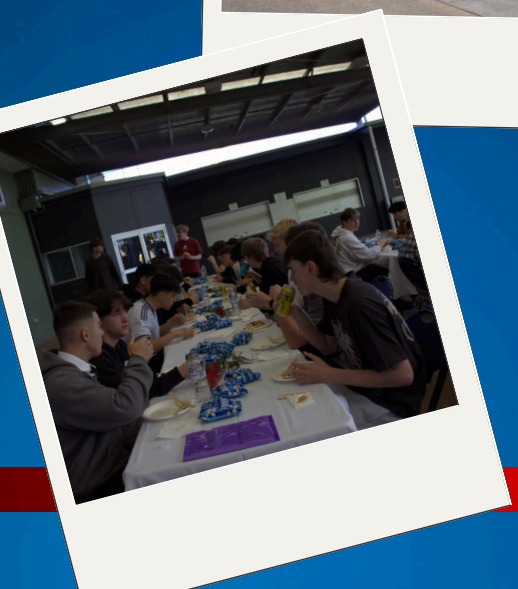












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From the desk of the Deputy Principals

Congratulations and farewell to the Class of 2026

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who concluded formal classes last week. This was celebrated with their special day last Friday where they were able to enjoy the campus all to themselves. Celebrating with a hearty breakfast, inflatable challenges, a special presentation or just having an opportunity to be with friends at school, one final time. We look forward to their graduation evening at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, where students, families, and staff will gather to mark this important milestone together.

2027 Student Leaders Appointed!

We were delighted to celebrate our 2027 Leadership Investiture Assembly, recognising the students who will guide and represent our College community in the year ahead.

Our student leaders have already demonstrated enthusiasm, dedication and a strong commitment to serving others. We look forward to working with them throughout 2027 as they develop their leadership skills, contribute to College life and inspire their peers to live out our Marianist charism.

Summer Uniform:

A reminder that students are now required to be in full summer uniform and that beanies and scarves are no longer permitted. Students are also reminded that the jumper should not be worn as an outer garment when travelling to and from school.

Denis Palanci
Deputy Principal - Wellbeing SPC

Wellbeing

Year 10 Social

On Thursday, 10 September, students from Emmanuel College, St Paul's Campus, and Marian College came together for our annual Year 10 Social.

Transforming the McCoy Hall into a scene of gala elegance, the evening was filled with music, dancing, and celebration. With the girls looking elegant, the lads looking polished, and the hall beautifully adorned with decorations, the event certainly lived up to its theme.

Behind the scenes, the Year 10 Student Leaders from both schools worked collaboratively to bring the evening to life. Special recognition must go to Ms Xavier for her instrumental role in planning and coordinating such a successful event and all the teachers who attended the evening.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening's success. Students from Marian College and Emmanuel College made the most of the opportunity to connect, creating lasting memories and friendships with people they may otherwise never have met.

Finley Lewington



Year 10 Social

On Thursday, 10 September, Emmanuel College, St Paul's Campus proudly hosted its annual Year 10 Social with Marian College. The event was collaboratively organised by our Year 10 Student Leaders and staff leaders, with this year's Gala Evening theme reflected through elegant black, white, red and gold decorations.

The social was a great success, with students from both schools embracing the fun and excitement of the evening. Music provided by the DJ kept the dance floor lively, while the popular lolly bar and freshly delivered pizzas helped fuel the night.

Students had the opportunity to socialise with friends, meet new people, and create lasting memories with their peers from both colleges. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm, laughter, and positive energy, making it an enjoyable experience for all who attended.

As the evening drew to a close, students departed with wonderful memories of the event and new connections formed along the way. The night concluded on a positive note, marking another successful Year 10 Social and a memorable occasion for both Emmanuel College and Marian College.

Daniel Surbevski

Hobsons Bay My Canvas My Art Exhibition

This year, for the Hobsons Bay My Canvas My Art Exhibition, there was an overwhelming interest from entrants.

Around 60 canvases were distributed this year to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to create their own artwork. All of these artworks were displayed at the Showcase Art Exhibition in September.

The community voted at the showcase for their favourite work. After tallying the votes for each year level, eighteen canvases from NDC and two from SPC were selected for inclusion and display in the Hobsons Bay My Canvas My Art Exhibition at the Altona Civic Centre.

The Exhibition Opening was on Friday the 9th of October. The entry for Emmanuel College won First Prize for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to all students who took part and congratulations to those whose canvases were put on display.

The Exhibition is open to the public at the Altona Civic Centre Front Foyer until October 29th.

Mrs Tania King



Winters House Report

Terms 3 and 4 Winters NDC House Report

Terms 3 and 4 have been extremely exciting and busy for our lovely NDC Winters community so far, with new House events and competitions running, and Year 12 students celebrating their final weeks of schooling.
Our Winters Footy Tipping Competition concluded itself before the end of Term 3, with Winters L finishing in 3rd position, Winters D in 2nd and Winters C winning and being awarded with a tasty pizza lunch!
Our Homeroom Decoration Competition also ended in Week 7 of Term 3, with Winters D and N getting an equal 3rd place, Winters H finishing 2nd and Winters J winning and being awarded with a rich lunch prize!
Further to this, Term 3 saw the completion of our Winters Cupcake Decoration Competition, where many Winters students of all year levels got together on Thursday the 3rd of September to decorate pre-baked cupcakes with green nature themes! Some wonderful works and creativity were noticed during the event, with Raphaelle Ganino and Poppy Smith granting Winters I a 3rd place, Amelia Curson and Joshu How Kong Fah achieving a 2nd place for Winters C, and Donna Lee and Jouele Cruz winning the competition on behalf of Winters H! A special thanks goes to Ms Aranha for organising and running the competition for our Winters students, for endless fun and inspiration.

Term 4 has been off to an emotional and great start for our Winters community as well, farewelling the Year 12 students during House Assembly on Monday the 12th of October, and anticipating the Year 12 Celebration Day and Graduation continuing to celebrate and farewell our Year 12 Winters students and the broader Year 12 cohort.
For the rest of the Winters students and community, the next few weeks will continue to be busy and entertaining in the House whilst interviewing applicants for 2027 student leadership, running new fun and engaging sports and House events, and enjoying the last few weeks before the final 2026 farewells at the beginning of December.
We take this opportunity to provide a heartfelt 'thank you' to all our supportive homeroom teachers for their incredible organisation and encouragement of student-led initiatives and broader events within Winters House.
We also finally want to wish our Year 12 students all the best with their VCE exams, and to the rest of our Winters students and staff, good luck with the remainder of the year and may God and the Virgin Mary bless you all!



Ms Setini and Mr Hindmarch
Winters **House Leaders - NDC**

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Student Leader Report

Settling into Term 4, we take a moment to celebrate the milestones across the past weeks while looking ahead at some upcoming events. In the last week of term, in our Marianist Garden, students had the opportunity to plant seedlings in the garden, which are now beginning to grow, and we hope to harvest and use them to prepare meals for those experiencing hardship in our community.

Next, during the Term 3 break, 13 students had the opportunity to attend the Brisbane Ignite Conference, deepening their faith and exploring how to live out their Christian missions and values together. The group was accompanied by Mr Kiannies, Mr Nicolas and Ms Aranha.

Following the 14th October, 36 students attended the ACU World Youth Day event for a faith formation experience led by Fr Rob Galea and his ICON Ministry.

Students took part in workshops, gathered in fellowship to build friendships, and had the opportunity to participate in Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Looking forward, Emmanuel Fellowship has been running at lunchtime every Thursday in the Chapel. This is a great opportunity for students to explore different topics related to faith, spirituality, scripture, and how these can be applied in everyday life, all while sharing a meal together.

Lastly, Wednesday's morning masses are up and running every fortnight from 8:25 to 8:50. This is a great opportunity to start the day with reflection and prayer, giving us a chance to pause for a moment and spend time with God.

Best regards,
Johnny - Faith Captain



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St Paul's Campus Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Our St Paul's community will notice improvements to the College grounds have been completed with the installation of additional fencing, gates and signage at the Chambers Road entrance. Visitor parking will remain available inside the school grounds along Chambers Road, and we kindly remind all visitors to proceed directly to reception upon arrival at the College to complete the College's sign in procedures.

Starting next week the vehicle gates will be closed during class time, however the pedestrian gate will remain open during the school day for the duration of the Y12 exams. Once the Y12 exams are finished the pedestrian gate will also be closed during the school day. If visitors require any assistance our Reception Team can be contacted via the intercom.



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Tech Programs at Emmanuel College - Then and Now



1970s



1993



2008



2023

Penny Cook
College Archivist

We're pleased to invite Notre Dame Class of 2015 and Class of 2016 students to a

Class Reunion

Catch up with classmates and teachers, view photos from the College Archives, enjoy some delicious food and drink and take a trip down memory lane!

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY **20** 6.00 - 8.30 PM

2026

at the Notre Dame Campus

2-40 Foxwood Dr, Point Cook - enter via Foxwood Dr gate

RSVP by November 13 at https://www.trybooking.com/DOWHP

Alternately, email alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or phone Penny Cook on 8325 5167

Register here!

This is an alcohol-free event

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DECEMBER

FRIDAY **4** 6.00 - 8.30 PM

2026

McCoy Hall, St Paul's Campus

423 Blackshaws Rd, Altona North - enter via Chambers Rd

RSVP by November 27 at
https://www.trybooking.com/DOWHA

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Community News



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Calendar Term 4, Weeks 3A AND 4B

Week 3A

19 October	VCE Exams- Languge Oral and Performance VET Music Unit 3 and 4 Revision Classes- optional during timetabled classes (scored students only and form filled out on Complass if attending) ACC Junion Chess Tournament at St.Joseph's Geelong
20 October	VCE Exams- Languge Oral and Performance VET Music Unit 3 and 4 Revision Classes- optional during timetabled classes (scored students only and form filled out on Complass if attending) SPC Yr. 7, 2027 Parent Information Night ACC Yr. 10 Cricket – EMM v SAL Volleyball – EMM v SMC Tennis – EMM v DLS
21 October	VCE Exams- Languge Oral and Performance VET Music Unit 3 and 4 Revision Classes- optional during timetabled classes (scored students only and form filled out on Complass if attending) NDC Yr. 7, 2027 Parent Information Night Year 8 SPC Retreat Day (Off Campus) Eco spirituality ACC Intermediate Lawn Bowls Tournament @ MCC
22 October	VCE Exams- Languge Oral and Performance VET Music Unit 3 and 4 Revision Classes- optional during timetabled classes (scored students only and form filled out on Complass if attending) Casual Dress Day - Corizon SACCSS - Yr. 8 Premier League Round 4 ACC Yr. 8 Cricket – MAZ v EMM Volleyball – PAR v EMM Tennis – SMC v EMM Yr. 7 Cricket –EMM v SAL Tennis – EMM v PAR
23 October	VCE Exams- Languge Oral and Performance VET Music Unit 3 and 4 Revision Classes- optional during timetabled classes (scored students only and form filled out on Complass if attending) Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner 6pm Mass SACCSS - Tennis Intermediate

Week 4B

26 October	VCE Exams – Language Oral & Performance VET music Yr. 12 Exams Commence: VCE External Examinations (Scored Unit 3-4 VCE or VET students only) SACCSS - Junior Futsal Division 2 ACC Junior Golf Tournament @ Northern Golf Club
27 October	VCE Exams – Language Oral & Performance VET music Yr. 12 Exams Continue : VCE External Examinations (Scored Unit 3-4 VCE or VET students only) ACC Yr. 10 Cricket - EMM v PAR Volleyball – FTG v EMM Tennis – FTG v EMM
28 October	VCE Exams – Language Oral & Performance VET music Yr. 12 Exams Continue : VCE External Examinations (Scored Unit 3-4 VCE or VET students only) ACC Junior Lawn Bowls Tournament at MCC
29 October	VCE Exams – Language Oral & Performance VET music Yr. 12 Exams Continue : VCE External Examinations (Scored Unit 3-4 VCE or VET students only) SACCSS - Yr. 8 Premier League Round 5 ACC Yr. 8 Cricket – EMM v DLS Volleyball – EMM v DLS Tennis – EMM v DLS Yr. 7 Cricket –EMM - BYE Tennis – SAL v EMM
30 October	VCE Exams – Language Oral & Performance VET music Yr. 12 Exams Continue : VCE External Examinations (Scored Unit 3-4 VCE or VET students only)

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