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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3. Characteristically a term of settled work for all students, we are looking forward to achieving much this term. Importantly, we are in the process of contemplating the learning from our first remote teaching and learning phase, and discerning what we can do differently or better. Within the culture of continuous improvement, which so defines the operations of our fine school, we wish to both

refine and build upon the good work of last term, in the field of remote curriculum delivery.

The welfare of our students, as always, is our priority. Strong communication between school and home is fundamental; please be assured that we welcome your calls regarding your daughter, her progress, her wellbeing, and anything that may be relevant to her learning over this period. Similarly, we wish to convey a great sense of continued support to all our families – we miss seeing you on campus at various occasions or functions, and we think of you often. I thank you for all that you are doing, every single day, to support the Academic Staff in their work of remote teaching – your support is appreciated. I thank you also for the many notes and communications that we receive daily – similarly, your gratitude to our staff means much.

Regarding support that the School may offer some families at this time, please remember that our campus remains available to support children of essential workers, or to care for vulnerable students who may benefit from being physically present on site. Please contact the Executive Deputy Principal, Angela O'Dwyer, should you wish to access this support.

With joy, we warmly congratulate our Deputy Principal - Studies, Ms Samantha Jensen, who has accepted the position as Principal of Mt Alvernia College in Brisbane. This appointment is a wonderful and a deserving recognition of Ms Jensen's leadership, skills and abilities. We will have the benefit of Ms Jensen's continued curriculum leadership here at Loreto Toorak for the next six months, prior to her taking up her new position in January 2021. The Mt Alvernia College community are indeed blessed to have attracted Ms Jensen to be their Principal. We will congratulate Ms Jensen more fully and formally at years' end.

In our many communications during the first period of lockdown – blogs, eBulletins, videos, daily notes, wellbeing tips – we focused much on the qualities of resilience, optimism, and inner strength. A fundamental requirement for all our students now experiencing this second lockdown, is that of acceptance. For our students to accept that this is where we are, that this is “how it is”, will serve them well in moving forward with a positive attitude as to how we now manage this period together. Creating a positive disposition, at home and in their schooling, in doing the best that one can do in the circumstances, is critical. Again, it is a privilege to be working so closely with parents at this time, and towards this same goal. Never has the partnership between school and home been closer. Thank you for your part in that.

May our prayers at this time be for all our students, our families and our staff; that they experience a sense of safety, security, wellness. We pray for all who are distressed and challenged at this time, that they may find inner peace.

Sincerely,

Dr Susan Stevens
Principal

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Executive Deputy Principal

Change to Remote Timetable for Years 7-10

In response to feedback from students, staff and parents of remote learning in Semester 1, the School has made the decision to adjust the period lengths for Years 7-10 classes to allow both staff and students to have longer changeover times between lessons, alongside slightly later starts and earlier finishes to the day. These changes to the Years 7-10 timetable will create an opportunity for students to move away from their screens throughout the day, complete set work in a timely manner and provide balance within the school day.

New Bell Times for Remote Learning in Years 7-10

Period 1: 8.20am - 8.55am

Period 2: 9.12am - 9.47am

Period 3: 9.49am - 10.24am

Period 4: 10.56am - 11.31am

Period 5: 11.33am - 12.08pm

Period 6: 12.40pm - 1.15pm

Period 7: 1.17pm - 1.52pm

Period 8: 2.09pm - 2.44pm

Period 9: 3.00pm - 3.35pm

VCE classes are taking place on campus and will continue to run based on the lesson times set at the end of Term 2, which provide an additional five minutes between each lesson to allow the staff and students greater ease of movement throughout the campus.

Kate Guggenheimer

Director of Students

Uniforms

Bob Stewart's on campus Uniform Shop will be closed, due to Victorian Government Stage 3 restrictions and the resumption of remote learning. Loreto Toorak uniforms will be available from the Bob Stewart's Malvern East store, which is trading at reduced hours: Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm and Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm. Online orders are available via postage (\$14.95 flat rate) or "Click and Collect" from the Malvern East store.

Dobson's Uniform Shop Hawthorn are opening hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Public Speaking News

National Finalists

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Alexandra Sim (Year 9), Clare Tuckwell (Year 8) and Eleanor Yip (Year 7) on reaching the National Finals of the UN Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition. These students had to present not once, but twice - delivering two entirely different speeches on current local, national or global issues, and then answer questions about their proposed solutions for solving the problem.

Un Evatt Competition for Students in Years 9-12

The Evatt Diplomacy Competition is UN Youth Victoria's largest competition and invites all students in Years 9-12 to compete in teams of two from their school for the Thant Trophy. Each team will represent a state on the United Nations Security Council, with the aim of passing a resolution which suits the interests of their state. Evatt is a unique opportunity for students to learn about international politics and diplomacy, as well as develop their public speaking and negotiation skills.

Preliminary rounds will begin in early August and will be held via Zoom (an online video-conferencing platform). If your daughter would like to be involved, please contact Catherine Macleish (Public Speaking Coordinator). Please note that participation numbers are limited.

Catherine Macleish

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Mandeville Learning Centre News

2021 Loreto Toorak Booklist Provider

Campion Education have been engaged as our booklist provider for 2021. As communicated earlier this year, Office Max/WINC did not meet our expectations nor the requirements of our contract. We thank all parents for their feedback and have sincerely appreciated your patience.

Melissa Etherton

Head of Mandeville Learning Centre

Careers News

Traditionally, Term 3 is an important one in Careers as students submit subject preferences for next year and Year 12 students begin to finalise their planning around future studies. Despite the challenges of the current situation, please rest assured students that students will continue to be supported by the Careers team. With Year 10 students learning remotely, the Careers team will be conducting the remaining Subject Selection appointments using Microsoft Teams. Any Year 10 student who has not yet had their Careers appointment is encouraged to make a time to see us in the next two weeks, using the link they have been

sent. A reminder that subject selections are due by 5.00pm on Wednesday 5 August.

Year 12 Careers appointments will begin in early August after our VTAC Information Evening, which will be communicated via a video recording. We will also be in communication with students via Teams and emails prior to this VTAC session. It is critical that students are reading the newsletter at this stage of the year. All students and parents can view the most up to date list of University/TAFE events on our [Loreto Toorak Careers Program](#) page. Year 12 students are reminded that they can access updates specific to them on their [Year 12 Class of 2020](#) page. Of note are the newly announced early entry programs. These are documented in the newsletter and will be continually updated on the Year 12 page.

You can access the latest edition of the Loreto Toorak Careers Newsletter on the Careers [website](#) or access it directly [here](#).

Ms Nadia Burgess and Mrs Sue Prowse
Careers Counsellors

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Rathfarnham

*“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never
go back to its old dimensions.”
- Oliver Wendell Holmes*

As we venture back into restrictions, many of us do so with mixed emotions. Our challenge is to enter into this time imbued with the Mary Ward charism and vision. This includes using all the hard work, expertise and knowledge that was borne out of our last iteration of remote learning, to transition into this next phase.

As with all new and uncharted experiences, we reflect upon both the successes and challenges so that we continue to build upon and implement best practice. All our teachers are using this valuable information as they prepare, in earnest, to ensure that we achieve our very best pastorally and academically, for our students. We look to ensuring these successful practices continue to be a part of this next phase of remote learning.

As we commence this term, we farewell Mrs Andrea Savage after 15 years of teaching classroom Music at Loreto Toorak. We thank her for all that she has contributed to the School and in particular, to the

extensive and outstanding Rathfarnham Music program. We wish Mrs Savage well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

Catherine Maimone Crowhurst
Director of Rathfarnham and ELC

Rathfarnham Sport

Remote Running Club

We invite and encourage all students in Years 2-6 to join in our Remote Running Club each week during our return to Remote Learning. A link will be sent to the students' emails so that they can access the range of activities and continue contributing to their overall tally. We hope to see many girls taking up this opportunity every Tuesday!

Armada District Sport

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, all scheduled Armada District events have been postponed until further notice. This includes the District Athletics which was due to take place on Monday 10 August. Once more details and new dates are announced, further information will be communicated to all parents in Years 3-6, including the trial process and team selection. If you have any questions about Sport in Rathfarnham, please do not hesitate to contact Whitney Beseler via email for more information

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Performing Arts

Welcome to Term 3. We have an exciting term ahead with many wonderful events and plans ahead. With the return to lockdown practices and remote teaching and learning, many of the plans will be adjusted to accommodate the current requirements. Further details will be communicated to you shortly.

Beginning this week, instrumental music lessons for students in Preparatory-Year 10 will be held via Microsoft Teams, as was the case in Term 2. Instrumental music lessons for students in Years 11 and 12 who are on campus will either be face to face during break times or via Microsoft Teams, depending on the Music teacher's availability.

For further details, please email your Instrumental Music Teacher and check SEQTA for lesson times. Students who are new to lessons in Term 3 will be contacted by their Instrumental Music Teacher.

We understand that being housebound can be a challenging time and having online lessons may have proved stressful for families all trying to work and study from home concurrently. It is for this reason that we are providing students and parents an extra week to take up the option to discontinue music lessons for Semester 2. If you wish to discontinue your daughter's lessons for Semester 2 due to a return to remote learning, please email confirmation of this request to David George by Friday 17 July.

Music Ensembles in both Rathfarnham and Senior School will also be returning to Microsoft Teams with weekly videos and tasks set for completion and attendance taken for all ensembles. Our ensembles will continue to provide an engaging and instructive platform for all students' musical development.

As was the case in Term 2, we look forward to offering further outlets for students to perform. Enrolments for AMEB video exams, online lunchtime concerts and recitals, and even an online Showcase Concert are all in the planning.

Should you wish to discuss any details of your daughter's continued musical journey during this time, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

David George

Director of Music

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Sport

GSV Sport

Welcome to Term 3 Sport. GSV Sport for Term 3 will begin remotely on Microsoft Teams. We are very enthusiastic about providing our programs remotely to keep the girls engaged in their chosen Term 3 GSV Sport and also provide all students the "Up and Active" program to ensure activities that will support students' physical wellbeing.

Competition is yet to be confirmed with GSV and government regulations, however students have registered for the available Term 3 sports – Athletics, Badminton, Soccer and Volleyball. More information will be made available as soon as it is published.

Term 2 GSV Sport

The highlight of Term 2 GSV Sport was the GSV Virtual Cross Country program. The Preliminary event took place in Week 6 and Loreto Toorak had the highest number of students participate out of the 24 schools involved.

Congratulations to Cleo Richardson (1st, Junior), Bridie Hill (1st, Intermediate) and Sophie O'Connell (7th, Senior) who placed in the top 10 of the virtual event.

This event was followed up by the GSV Virtual Cross Country Championships in Week 8. Loreto Toorak had an amazing 171 participants, 50 more students than the next best performing school.

Congratulations to Bridie Hill (1st, Intermediate), Cleo Richardson (2nd, Junior), Orla Shackcloth (4th, Junior), Sophie O'Connell (4th, Senior) and Darcie Slattery (5th, Senior) who placed in the top 10 of the virtual event

We congratulate the girls on their Term 2 program engagement; it shows a great level of commitment and resilience.

If you have any queries about the Sports program, please send us an email.

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