I would like to thank all students and staff for all their hard work throughout the term. It has been a very long and busy term. As it has been a busy term the following information regarding changes to our curriculum structure may have been missed by some parents so I have reproduced the major changes to ensure that you are kept informed of all updates.

Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College has undertaken a comprehensive review of the curriculum, with Year 7 to 10 Curriculum offerings and courses being mapped against the recently released Victorian Curriculum. The implementation of the Victorian Curriculum will be mandatory for schools from the beginning of 2017. The review considered feedback from parents, students and staff, educational research and MSJ data that provides a comparison between year levels over a period of time.

2017 Curriculum Structure

The new structure is designed to enhance student learning, provide an opportunity to access a breadth of learning areas and allow students to experience depth in their areas of study and major interest.

As of 2017 Year 7 students will study one term of each of the following Arts subjects; Visual Arts, Visual Communication and Design, Music and Drama and one term of the following Technologies subjects; Multimedia, Food Technology, Product Design and Technology and Digital Technology.

Year 8 students, as well as studying six core subjects will have the opportunity to study two Arts and two Technology subjects per semester.

Research has shown that at Year 9, feelings of dissatisfaction and disengagement are at their highest and levels of resilience are at their lowest. Year 9 students will be involved in a program that focuses on addressing these issues and fostering spiritual growth, life-long learning and academic excellence in all of its students.

The Year 9 Program consists of four threads during the year and will occur on one day a cycle:

i. Healthy Living and Wellbeing
ii. Pathways and Learning to Learn
iii. Faith
iv. Making Connections – Community

Year 9 students will also have a choice of electives from LOTE, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Technology and Health and PE. Selecting subjects and pathways can be both exciting and challenging for any young person. For Year 10 students in 2017, curriculum offerings will be broad, varied and challenging and provide a solid foundation for students to pursue any VCE units in Year 11. Year 10 students will have increased elective choices and enhancement subjects which will allow students to be exposed to particular subjects in a more intense and rigorous way. This new structure is designed to develop their skills, knowledge and understandings in order to prepare them for the challenges of the VCE and VCAL curriculum. Year 10 students will not be able to undertake VCE units, but in Year 11, if they meet the criteria, students will be able to complete Units 3 and 4.

Many of our Year 11 & 12 students indicated that they have difficulties planning, organising and implementing a study and independent learning schedule. Therefore Year 11 and 12 students will have structured study periods to help students maximize the learning process. The topics that will be explored include: place of study, time of study, duration of study, the study environment and specific skills such as reading, note taking, summarising, revising, studying for exams and exam techniques.

VCE Trial Exams and Lectures

Year Twelve VCE students will be completing trial exams and attending lectures over the break and we wish them well as they continue to prepare for their upcoming exams.

Kate Dishon
Principal

CALENDAR
For all College Calendar dates and upcoming events
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Units 3 / 4 Workshops

Connect Education Workshops

Connect Education will provide revision and exam focus lectures for our students that are subject specific and provide resources to support our students. I would encourage all students undertaking the stipulated subjects to take advantage of the workshops. The cost to students is $10 per subject, which includes a 2 hour lecture and notes. Details below.

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Maths Help

Maths Help is available on Wednesday at lunchtime and on Friday from 8.00 to 8.30am every week during term time in the Byrne Meeting Room (adjacent to the Year 7 Hub). Help is available for any year level of mathematics. You might like to drop in for 5 minutes to get the answer to one tricky question or stay the whole time to do some maths homework. Everyone is welcome – no question too big or too small!

Trial Examinations

To assist students undertaking a 3 / 4 Unit to achieve their potential, VCE trial Examinations are being held during the September break. All Year 12 students and Year 11 students studying a Unit 3/4 subject are expected to attend. Trial examinations give students the best opportunity to succeed in their final examinations. These examinations are compulsory and will be an opportunity to give students vital feedback on areas of strength and areas requiring improvement.

The supervisors are external supervisors employed by the College, and they will be the same supervisors you will have at the end of the year. These examinations will mirror the end of year VCAA examinations and as such students must adhere to all examinations rules and regulations. Students need to arrive 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each examination. All trial examinations will be held in the Mackillop Center with the exception of LOTE exams.

Trial Examinations Timetable

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<td>English Literature</td>
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<td>Health &amp; HHD</td>
<td>Food Tech Studio Arts</td>
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<td>French Italian Japanese</td>
<td>2.00 - 4.15PM Legal Studies Maths Methods 2</td>
<td>2.00 - 4.45PM Biology</td>
<td>2.00- 4.45PM Chemistry</td>
<td>1.30 - 4.15PM Psychology Physics</td>
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**Uniform**

Students are permitted to wear either their winter or summer uniform for the first two weeks of term 4. All students are required to wear the full summer uniform by October 19th.

The summer uniform consists of:

- Blue school dress (knee length hem)
- Long White socks
- Black shoes
- Navy or white hair ribbon
- Navy jumper
- Navy blazer

Students who choose to wear the summer uniform are not to wear the College jumper as the outer garment. If a student chooses to wear her jumper, she must also wear her blazer.

**Sun Smart**

As we enter Spring, students will be encouraged to wear their PE cap when sitting in non shaded areas of the College and also required to wear a hat in all PE classes.

**Year 12 Retreat**

The 2017 Year 12 students (Year 11 in 2016) will be on Retreat from 30th November to 2nd December 2016.

** Twilight Open Evening - 6th October 3pm-7pm**

The MSJ Twilight Open Evening will be held on the first week back of Term 4. All students will be dismissed on this day at 1:08pm. Students remaining to assist for this event, will need to complete Care Monkey student incursion permission forms.

The VCE Art Folio exhibition and the Year 8 Science Expo will also be held on the same evening.

All are welcome to attend. Please tell your friends and families to join us!
NOTICE BOARD

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS
PH: 8398 2000
Payment of fees can be made at the office from 8.00 am - 4.30 pm, Monday – Friday.
For any enquiries regarding the school accounts, please contact Administration.

SCHOOL FEES
FAMILY ACCOUNTS
All fees are required to be finalised by 26th September unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Business Manager.

It would be appreciated if families could make sure their accounts are up to date.

Thank You

STUDENT ABSENCES
PH: 8398 2000
Please report student absences on the above number prior to 9.00am.
Please leave the following details: student’s name, student’s Pastoral Class, reason for absence, your name and relationship to the student.

WANTED
Second hand and pre-loved girls’ clothing sizes 5-13 years for a stall at the Sacred Heart Primary School Fete in Newport. If you can help please bring your freshly washed and bagged donations to the Front Office in the first 2 weeks of term 4.

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Open at the College: Monday 3pm - 4pm, Wednesday 8am - 9am and Friday 1pm - 2pm

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