



Newsletter

Friday, 29th March 2024

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and community. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.



Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Dear St Charles families,

What a fantastic start we have had to the 2024 school year! Term one has been filled with lots of new learning and fun. Well done to all our students for their hard work! Thank you to all our staff who make sure each student achieves their best and thank you to all our fantastic families who work in partnership with us.

Welcome to Audrey who joined SCBT this week in Year 1! Year 1/2P was very excited to welcome their new friend.

“

Our Father, we ask that You would help us to take this message of the resurrection to the world, that You would help us to always preach Christ when we preach because the resurrection has shown us that He is the meaning to the Scriptures. We pray that the resurrection would remind us that the truth is the truth whether we like it or not. But most of all, help us to remember that the resurrection shows us that Jesus is the King that our hearts have longed for.”

TIM KELLER



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2024 TERM DATES

15th April	Term 2 Begins
19th April	District Tennis Years 3-6 9:00-3:00 pm
24th April	Whole school Science Dome Incursion
25th April	ANZAC Day Liturgy 2:45 pm
	ANZAC Day Holiday- No School
26th April	School Closure Day- Staff Time in Lieu Day
30th April	Junior School Nudel Kart Incursion
	Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 10:00-11:00 am
3rd May	
7th May	Currawong School Environmental Excursion Years 3-6
8th May	Confirmation Retreat Day- St Kevin's Church 10:00-2:00 pm
9th May	Mother's Day Stall
10th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00-10:00 am
16th May	Interschool Sports- Year 5/6 9:00-3:00 pm
	Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 10:00-11:00 am
17th May	
19th May	Confirmation 1:00-2:00 pm
21st May	Hot Food Day for Students
24th May	District Cross Country Year 3-6 students
31st May	Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 10:00-11:00 am
	Cross Country Years 3-6
4th June	
10th June	King's Birthday Holiday- school closure Interschool Sports Year %
13th June	Story and Craft Time for preschoolers 10:00-11:00 am
14th June	Whole School ABC Music Performance
26th June	Last Day of Term 2 3:15 pm finish
27th June	Term 3 begins
15th July	Year 5/6 Camp
2nd- 4th Sep	Last Day Term 3 3:15 pm finish
19th Sep	First Day Term 4
7th Oct	Year 6 Graduation
10th Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out
11th Dec	Last Day Year 6 students
12th Dec	Term 4 ends 3:15 pm finish
17th Dec	

Last week I attended the Victorian Association Catholic Primary School Principal (VACPSP) Conference in Lorne. This was a wonderful professional learning opportunity with many keynote speakers who helped us to reflect on the role of Principals and there was opportunity for prayer and reflection. Our keynote speakers were:

Ashley Fell- Social Researcher, TEDx Speaker and Director of Advisory at McCrindle social researchers.

Craig Foster- Former Socceroo, Broadcaster, Adjunct Professor, Sport and Social Responsibility, Author and Human Rights Activist.

Theresa Ardler- Director of Gweagal Cultural Connections, Indigenous and Catholic Educator.

Mitch Tambo- Proud Gamilaraay man, Musician, Actor, Presenter, Performer.

Saroo Brierley- Best selling Author, subject of the Academy Award nominated film Lion.

Jelena Dokic- Former World Number 4, Popular Tennis Commentator and Best Selling Author.

Deborah Patterson- Former Principal, Coach and Mentor, Author.

Each of these speakers had amazing and sad stories to share all of which came back to their strength, goodness and kindness.

We also had a presentation on Mary McKillop and the Pilgrimage taken by current Principals Rachel Holdsworth, Olga Lyons and Jamie Walsh.

Each day our prayer was guided by Dr Helen Healy and Gen Bryant (who has the most amazing singing voice that touches your heart!)

The week also provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with Primary Principals from all over Victoria. During the first evening while I was speaking to a Principal (out of our network) she shared with me that she is hearing so many positive things about our school and we do wonderful things. I was so proud to hear this feedback and that our school is being recognised and spoken about in such a positive light.



Congratulations to all our students who were elected as our 2024 SRC. We are very fortunate to have had the Hon. Matthew Guy attend our assembly and present our SRC with their school badges.

Our Easter bonnets were certainly on parade this week! Well done to all our students on their very creative bonnets!



Principal's morning teas are back in 2024. Please come along to have a chat about our school or just even to catch up. The next Principal's morning tea will be:

Wednesday 24th April 9:00-10:00 am

Any families who are unable to make it to a Principal Morning Tea are more than welcome to share their topic of discussion in the following google form: <https://forms.gle/nfsWTJDa4f1GuGgG6>

If you would like to join me for a chat and morning tea, please send me an email (principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au)

For any families who would like to follow our school on facebook, please use the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/scbtemplestowe>

At St Charles we have a private school Instagram account (only our school community is permitted access). If you would like to follow St Charles on Instagram search for **stcha_rles**. Please send me an email with your username (principal@scbtemplestowe.catholic.edu.au). Until I receive your email I will not accept your request.

Wishing all our St Charles families a very happy and safe Easter. I look forward to seeing you after the Term 1 break, ready for learning in Term 2.

Please remember I am always here to support your family.

Kind regards,

Miranda Zuzic

Principal
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Term 2 Assemblies

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class sharing</u>
29/4	5/6A
27/5	P/1/2
24/6	3/4CW

Icy poles

Icy poles will be sold in Term 2 every Friday and any days which are 25 degrees or hotter (50c).

<p>A Plus Schoolwear Click here to order school wear. For instructions on how to order click here.</p>
<p>CDF PAY Click here to access CDF Pay. For instructions on how to use CDF Pay click here</p>
<p>Harry's Cafe (Lunch orders) Click here to view the menu and for instructions on how to place a lunch order for your child.</p>
<p>Caritas Australia Click here to view Caritas Australia's website.</p>

Out of School Care

OSHC enrolment forms can be collected from the Hall/OSHC Room. If you have questions please contact us at 0477 007 374.

Child Safety Standards

Child safety standards in Victorian schools are designed to create a safe and secure learning environment for children. These standards encompass various aspects, including physical safety, emotional well-being, and protection against abuse and neglect.

Physical safety standards involve measures such as ensuring safe infrastructure, regular maintenance of buildings and equipment, and implementing emergency response plans. Schools are required to conduct regular safety drills, install appropriate safety features like fire alarms and extinguishers, and provide adequate supervision during activities.

Emotional well-being is another crucial aspect of child safety standards. Schools are expected to foster a positive and inclusive environment that promotes mental health and well-being. This includes implementing anti-bullying policies, providing counseling services, and promoting respectful and supportive relationships among students and staff.

Child protection standards are in place to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. Schools have a legal obligation to report any suspected cases of abuse and provide appropriate support to affected children. Staff members undergo mandatory training to recognize signs of abuse and understand their responsibilities in reporting and responding to such incidents.

Child safety standards in Victorian schools emphasise the importance of parental involvement and communication. Schools are required to establish clear communication channels with parents or guardians, ensuring they are informed about safety policies, procedures, and any incidents that may impact their child's well-being.

Last year in the school review it was acknowledged that our work in this space was exemplary, this year St Charles Borromeo will continue to provide a secure and nurturing environment where all students will flourish.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Ellen Pearson

(Student Wellbeing Leader)

2024 Open Night

Wednesday, 20 March

Session 1: 5.00pm

Session 2: 5.45pm



Achieving excellence together

Discover how the vision and approach of our Junior, Middle & Senior schools will maximise your child's learning outcomes.

Bookings
are essential

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College tours

Principal-led school tours are run regularly throughout the term. Visit www.doncastersc.vic.edu.au to book a session.

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WHITEFRIARS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS



Discover Whitefriars

Dates for Enrolment Year 7, 2026

2024
Friday 16 August Application closes
Saturday 23 September Year 7, 2026 interviews
Friday 18 October Offers sent
Friday 8 November Deadline for offer acceptance

2025
Year 7 Transition commences for current Year 6 students enrolling in Year 7, 2025 (July)
2026
Year 7 ceremonies

Open Day 2024

Meet with our teachers, staff and students to see first hand how a Whitefriars education is different.

Sunday 3 March
10am - 12noon
12noon - 3pm

Open Morning Tours 2024

See the College in action. Tours start at 9.15am and finish at approximately 11am.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Monday 18 March	Monday 22 April Thursday 2 May Monday 27 May Thursday 30 June	Monday 22 July Thursday 1 August Monday 5 August Thursday 8 August Monday 12 August

Dates subject to change

Registration for all tour opportunities is essential. Please visit whitefriars.vic.edu.au/year7

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Our Academic Program

Individualised Literacy and Numeracy programs are meticulously designed to meet the diverse needs of boys, including those with advanced skills and those with additional learning needs.

We understand the importance of providing comprehensive support to ensure the every boy can thrive academically. Our teachers and support professionals work closely with students, offering personalised attention and tailored interventions to address specific aspirations, goals and challenges, ensuring optimal learning outcomes for every boy.

Pastoral Care

From Year 7, students are placed in a house-based Pastoral Care system with boys from Year 7 to 12. This innovative approach fosters a sense of camaraderie and support among students of different ages groups throughout their high school journey.

Opportunities

Whitefriars provides opportunities by providing a wide range of engaging co-curricular activities such as Sport, Performing Arts, English, Science and Sustainability/Environment Clubs. These activities not only foster personal enjoyment and engagement but also promote holistic development and self-expression.

To support their physical wellbeing, the school boasts facilities such as multipurpose courts, a fitness centre, and a sports pavilion, encouraging boys to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

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Wellbeing

Whitefriars has partnered with The Resilience Project to cultivate resilience and emotional wellbeing among boys, amplifying the significance of mental health in their overall development.

Every Friday students gather with their peers in their respective year levels or Pastoral Care groups for a dedicated wellbeing session that centres around relevant topics. These sessions are led by a teacher who creates a supportive environment, encouraging students to express themselves openly, seek assistance and receive guidance from their peers who are at an appropriate age and experience level.

Students also have access to a number of allied health specialists including Psychologists and Speech Therapists.

Pathways

Recognising the importance of preparing boys for their future, the school offers a comprehensive selection of senior pathways, including the VCE program, VCE Vocational Major and VET courses, enabling boys to pursue their desired career paths with confidence.

Location

Situated over 15 hectares of natural bushland, adjacent to the Murrumbidgee Creek, our Gonville campus is only:
- 13 minutes from Kingswood
- 17 minutes from Somers
- 18 minutes from Woodcroft
- 22 minutes from Daylesford
- 22 minutes from Colyton
- 26 minutes from Mooloolah
- 31 minutes from Pyralis
We have a bus direct to the College from Mooloolah station.

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Our Lady of Sion College

TALK AND TOUR MORNINGS

Please visit
our website
to book



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2026
close 16 August 2024

EMBRACE LIFE AT SION

Talk and Tour Mornings for Term 1
MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY, 9.30 AM
FRIDAY 19 APRIL, 9.30 AM

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CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD INFORMATION EVENING

Deciding on where to send your child can be daunting. Marcellin College is hosting an information evening on *Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child*. The evening will cover a host of topics to assist you in making an informed decision.



Join us on Tuesday, 5 March 2024 at 7pm
Marcellin College
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
For more information visit marcellin.vic.edu.au



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MARCELLIN COLLEGE OPEN DAY

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SUNDAY, 17 MARCH | 11am - 2pm
Principal's Address 11am, 12pm and 1pm
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

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