



Year 12 End-of-Year Arrangements

CLASS OF 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 12 Students,

We are moving towards the conclusion of what can only be described as a calamitous two years for our senior students.

As we have mentioned on countless occasions, supporting their challenges and struggles has been a priority and we pray that, in the next month, they will achieve the deserved fruits of their hard work and perseverance. In time there is little doubt that this cohort will be regarded as the one most challenged by the pandemic and the constant lockdowns and change of learning settings.

We will continue to work to ensure that the supports that have been generated to acknowledge their hardship are just and fair.

All our Year 12s are to be commended for the maturity and respect that they have demonstrated on their return. Please remind them that it is critical they use every additional learning opportunity that is provided in the coming weeks, and extra essential learning classes can now be accessed as the guidelines have been tempered a little.

As stated to the students, their continued access to the College is our priority and every measure and contingency will be taken to ensure that they can remain at the College without interruption and attend the exams and revision classes until the end of the year.

It is important that everyone understands the pressures that can result from a lapse in focus. Many students are vaccinated, that does not mean that they are immune from COVID. It does not mean that we can relax and start socialising normally out of school time. As stated to the students at their year level assembly, we need them to maintain their discipline, so they benefit from the opportunity of being on-site and getting real support through the next six weeks. There are currently several positive cases in Bendigo, and we remind our students to avoid any potential exposure and endeavour to minimise their movements for the time being.

This update is to keep everyone informed of the various dates and key events that are planned, pending COVID-safe regulations in place at the time. Any events that are not mentioned in this information sheet are not College endorsed, nor are they College organised events.

If further adjustments and opportunities do present, we will have contingencies ready to change the schedule and way we can acknowledge the cohort.

Once again, the specifics are not clear in the guidelines, and this makes it very difficult to make concrete

arrangements. What we can confirm, noted recently in communications home, is that there will be a Graduation event, and the final arrangements and conditions will be circulated as soon as we have all the details. The current plan for Graduation is outlined below.

In the meantime, we need to capitalise on the opportunities that we have and ensure that students benefit from the opportunities that have arisen due to COVID in the tertiary sector. Thankfully we have the GAT and the completion of the course work as a reference point.

Mr Brian Turner, Principal

Final Day

Thursday 21 October 2021

Students will attend classes for Periods 1-3.

Brunch will then be provided for the students from 11.35am. Students have been asked to respond to a survey which will help with catering and dietary requirements.

Students will then gather across three locations in Student Advocate Groups and attend a Liturgy and Leave-taking Ceremony via a Google Meet. In the student-led Leave-taking Ceremony there will be a photo presentation looking back at their time at CMC and reflections from some students and staff.

They will then have a brief time with their Student Advocate and a proposed group photo, before being dismissed for the day by approximately 2.00pm. However, students are welcome to remain at school to attend their scheduled class in Periods 6 and 7 or study in the Library.

All CMC Student Code of Conduct and COVID Guidelines apply on this day. No student is to come to school under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Students are required to clear their lockers by **Wednesday 20 October**.

VCAL and SWL

Students studying a VCAL pathway will have their final scheduled classes on **Friday 15 October**, as they have their Structured Workplace Learning in the week starting Monday 18 October. These students should attend the College on Thursday 21 October with their peers for their final day celebrations. VCAL students are permitted to negotiate SWL times after the week starting **Monday 18 October** as we understand that COVID restrictions have had a significant impact on employers and industry. Students should see the Careers Team and our Applied Learning Leader, Mrs Mary-Ann Tonini, to discuss these arrangements further.



Year 12 Laptops – Return or Purchase

Year 12 students need to return their laptop (with bag and charger) by the close of business **Friday 3 December** to the St Mary's IT Office.

Alternatively, families may choose to purchase the laptop for \$140 incl. GST.

CONDITION AND REPAIRS

Prior to return, examine the laptop to see what condition it is in, paying particular attention to any dints, scratches and chips.

As per the *Student and Parent ICT Acceptable Use Agreement*, if the laptop has sustained damage and requires repair, a charge will be [calculated using the table in the linked article](#).

The cost of repairs will be advised by letter. You will have the option of either:

- Purchasing the laptop for \$140; or
- Having the amount charged to your school fees account. The amount will not exceed the insurance excess of \$150.

PURCHASE

If you wish to purchase the laptop, the process is:

- Students go to the Finance Office (Mercy Building) with their laptop (serial number is required).
- Make the payment of \$140 incl. GST (this cannot be added to your school fees account).
- Back up your work.
- Return the laptop to the IT office and confirm payment has been made.
- Laptop will be re-imaged
- Upon confirmation of payment, the IT staff will advise when to collect your laptop.

Pre-exam time

After **Thursday 21 October**, students will still be able to attend classes, following their normal timetable. There is also the opportunity to consult individually and informally with their subject teachers outside normal class times.

Exams

On **Wednesday 27 October**, the first of the written VCE examinations will commence with VCE English. Year 12 Level Learning Leaders will be on campus in Coolock House from 7.30am on this day. For urgent contact outside school hours, contact Mrs Suzie Kemp or Ms Fiona Bell on 0400 562 672. Within school hours, please contact the General Office between 8.00am and 4.30pm and they will direct your call to the Year 12 Level Learning Leaders. The final VCE Units 3 and 4 examinations will occur on **Wednesday 17 November**.

Graduation Celebration

We look forward to celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2021

The Graduation Celebration will be held in the Marian Centre Gymnasium at St Mary's Campus **on Thursday 18 November 2021** from 5pm to 7pm. Students are asked to arrive by 4.45pm.

The formal Liturgy and Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2021 will be live-streamed as COVID-19 restrictions limit the on-campus gathering to students and staff. A link will be provided prior to the day.

Please note that this event is subject to changing COVID-safe regulations and any changes will be notified as soon as possible.

Light refreshments will be provided following the formal Graduation Ceremony.

Dress: Smart Casual

RSVP: Please reply via Activity Permission on PAM

A photographer will be available throughout the event.

CMC Student Code of Conduct and COVID Guidelines will be strictly adhered to.

Living Mercy 2021 - College Magazine

All Year 12 students will receive a printed copy of the 2021 College Magazine, *Living Mercy*.

Students may collect their Magazine (subject to COVID-safe regulations) from the St Mary's General Office between **Monday 6 December** and **Thursday 16 December**.

VCE Results and Careers Support

Thursday 16 December

Students will be able to access their VCE results, ATAR and ATAR subject scores via the internet, from 7.00am.

Careers Office will be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm on **Thursday 16 and Friday 17 December**.

Further information regarding careers support will be advised in the coming weeks.

