RE: PATHWAYS EXPO AND SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS 2016

Dear Year 9, 10 and 11 Parents/Guardians and Students,

The Marian College Pathways Expo and Year 10/VCE/VCAL 2016 Subject Selection Parent Information Presentations will be held on Monday 27 July, 2015. The evening is an important event for parents and students that will provide valuable information regarding senior years’ pathway options at Marian College and also a range of tertiary options. The evening will also provide important information on the subject selection process which will assist students in making more informed choices regarding their study programs.

The evening has two parts that will take place concurrently:

Part A: Pathways Expo
There will be an informal expo, from 5.00 pm – 7.45 pm, held in the Catherine Kelly Language Centre. You are encouraged to visit subject exhibits and talk with Learning Leaders and other specialist teachers. Please consider the timing of your Year Level Subject Information Presentation (below) when planning the timing of your visit to the Expo. We recommend that you make the most of the expertise that the teaching staff are able to offer in their particular areas.

Universities will also have displays and representatives from tertiary institutions will be available to provide information on institutions and courses.

Part B: Subject Selection Information Presentations
There will be formal parent information sessions in the College Auditorium for students entering Year 10 and 11 in 2016. These sessions will cover important aspects of the College VCE, VCAL, VET and Year 10 programs, and provide advice on how to select a personalised program to suit the interests and aspirations of each student.

5.45 pm - Year 10 (2016)
6.30 pm - Year 11 (2016)

The Senior Certificates Subject Handbook is now available on the College website and on the SEQTA student portal, Coneqt - S. The Year 10 Subject Handbook will be available on Friday 17 July.

Web Preferences will be used for the subject selection process. All details for the process of logging-on and entering preferences online will be provided for students, including the student access code and password. Students will only be able to enter their preferences online. This may be done at school or at home. Homeroom/Pastoral Care Teachers and other selected staff will provide mentoring for students through the process during this time and students will have the opportunity to complete selections in Pastoral Care periods.

Once they have entered their correct and final preferences, students should validate and then print out the preference receipt. This must be signed by a parent/guardian. Please note the following key dates:

- For students entering Years 11 and 12 in 2016 Web Preferences will open on Friday 7 August and will close on Thursday 20 August at 9.00 am.
- For students entering Year 10 in 2015, Web Preferences will open on Friday 14 August and close on Thursday 27 August at 9.00 am.

The final, signed hard copy version of the Web Preferences receipt should be returned to the central collection box outside the Teaching and Learning Office at the College by the following deadlines.

- Year 11 - 9.00 am Friday 21 August
- Year 10 - 9.00 am Friday 28 August

Students cannot be allocated to their subject preferences if they are not entered online and the signed form is not received by the indicated deadlines.

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In addition to this process, students wishing to pursue acceleration studies (Units 1/2 in Year 10, Units 3/4 in Year 11, including VET Studies) should collect an application form from the Teaching and Learning Office. These will be available from **Wednesday 15 July** and the **deadline for submission is Monday 3 August**. Please note that students may apply for one or two acceleration studies. Approval for acceleration will be based upon students meeting a stringent set of criteria. Details of criteria are available on the applications forms.

**Students cannot be considered for acceleration studies if the deadline is not met.**

For students considering a VCAL Pathway, **VCAL Expression of Interest Forms** will be available from the VCAL Room from **Wednesday 15 July**. The deadline for VCAL Expression of Interest Forms to be returned is **Monday 3 August**. Students choosing, or being recommended for, a VCAL Pathway will then be mailed a separate letter and will be required to make appointments with the VCAL Coordinators.

For students interested in the **Year 10 Marian Applied Learning Program**, expression of interest forms will be first available on the Pathways Evening and, after that, at school from the Year 9 Homeroom Teacher or the VCAL Room. The deadline for the return of these forms is **Monday 10 August**.

If you have any queries in relation to this process please contact your daughter’s Year Level Coordinator, Homeroom Teacher or one of the staff members listed below:

- Ms Lauren Marett, Careers and Pathways Leader
- Ms Anne Daunt, VCE Coordinator
- Ms Pasqualina Piccione / Mr Adam Spinks, VCAL Coordinators
- Ms Genevieve O’Keefe / Mr Cameron Woolcock, VET Coordinators
- Ms Jane Goddard / Mr Paul Familiar, Assistants to the Co-Principals – Learning and Teaching

Yours sincerely

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