



Marden Matters

From the Principal



Writing this in the last week of Term 1 provides an opportunity to reflect on what has been a tumultuous term for us all. It is also a time to reflect on how well staff, students and families have managed through the COVID-19 uncertainty. The understanding and goodwill shown by all is greatly appreciated. Marden Senior College, as a leading senior secondary education provider, is very well positioned to continue to provide quality teaching and learning through these uncertain times. More about Term 2 arrangements a little later.

The College Community

In the early weeks of this term we welcomed over 500 new and 200 continuing students. We also welcomed a number of new staff members, including: leaders Robyn Hearl, Dawn Hyatt, Haylee Farnden and Zoe Elliott; teachers Laura Whalan, Sonia Olsen, Viray Thach and Wendy Jacobs; support staff member Jo Brauwers; as well as pre-service teacher Ashleigh Ebert, who worked with students for the majority of the term.

To students new to the college, we trust you are now experiencing Marden as a friendly, encouraging and generous learning environment. Our collective success is based on respectful relationships and placing the utmost value on diversity and excellence. Although many challenges have emerged, the reality is there are many opportunities on offer here.

Hold the course as you further develop, and hopefully achieve, your study goals and future ambitions.

Student Outcomes

Our focus at Marden is positive outcomes for students – academic and wellbeing. Marden students under the age of 21 have a staff member as a mentor who offers as an important line of communication and support options for the student and often parent/guardian. Particular attention is paid to monitoring attendance and learning progress.

Many students have started the year exceptionally well, as evident in Term 1 reports. These reports are now available online via Daymap for students and Daymap Connect for parents. Our parent-teacher evening scheduled for early Term 2 will no longer be conducted face to face, but an alternative communication model will be made available.

College Facilities

The first physical signs of our new building project, to be located to the west of the cafeteria, will commence in the coming school holidays. The site preparations begin with removal of the decommissioned temporary buildings.

Speaking of the cafeteria, a range of food and drink options have been available through Term 1, provided by DJs (Mon-Wed) and our own Certificate 3 in Food Processing group of students (Th-Fri).

Term 2

The need for isolation and social distancing due to COVID-19 has created massive uncertainty in all areas, including education. Students and their families should take comfort in arrangements under development at Marden Senior College to facilitate continuity of learning in this new environment. We can also have confidence in the emerging responses from the authorities, including the SACE Board and ASQA (the VET regulatory authority). Adjustments to programs and assessment processes are in train to enable fair outcomes for students.

To our students, we understand your anxieties in these uncertain times. For those in Year 12, your final year of senior secondary, we acknowledge that this is not the experience you had in mind. We must adapt to the new circumstances. To navigate through the challenges it is important that you remain connected with the College and engaged in your learning. These are things that you can control.

From the start of Term 2 the majority of students will be learning from home. Normal scheduled lesson times will continue with lesson plans available on DayMap as a starting point. Some students, including children of essential workers, vulnerable students, and a number of others, will need to keep attending school to continue their learning. These students will be in a safe, supervised learning environment and will access the learning in the same way as students learning from home. Further communications will be sent to parent and students detailing arrangements. The college will monitor the situation over the first four weeks of term and make adjustments as required.

Yes, your education is important, but so too is your mental and physical health, and that of your family, friends and others. Right now we need to focus on what we can influence, be flexible and work together. This pandemic will end and we will all remember 2020 and how we overcame adversity.



Apology BBQ

A BBQ was held on 13 February 2020 for Stolen Generations Apology Day. The day was enjoyed by many with lots of food and great music.



Presentation Night 2019

The 2019 Marden Senior College Presentation Night was celebrated in grand style on Tuesday 26 November at the Norwood Concert Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students and celebrate their success at the end of the school year.

The evening was made especially memorable by the dance performance of Workplace Practices student Ruby Gourzis and her dance partner, Indigo Nenke.

The 2019 Caltex Best All Rounder Award winner was Harriet Cobiac. She expressed her appreciation to her teachers for their ongoing support throughout her schooling journey.

Graeme Hudson
Coordinator: Community Connections and College Events

Merit Ceremony

A merit ceremony held on Tuesday 4 February at Government House celebrated the students from across the state who received A+ with merit for their Stage 2 studies in 2019. 17 Marden Senior College students received a SACE merit, with a total of 78 students receiving an A+.

The A+ merit students are listed below:

AULERT, Joshua	Workplace Practices
BI, Anna	Health
BI, Anna	Psychology
FARMER, Charlotte	Women's Studies
FARMER, Charlotte	Workplace Practices
HARPER, Ebony	Workplace Practices
JAYASEKARA, Pansuja	General Mathematics
JAYASEKARA, Pansuja	Workplace Practices
LAPARIDIS, George	Workplace Practices
LAPARIDIS, John	Research Project B
PARHAS, Panae	Workplace Practices
PATHIRANA, Nuthara	Workplace Practices
SINHAL, Shreyans	Nutrition
SMITH, Emma	Workplace Practices
THORNE, Abby	Workplace Practices
TINNION, Christian	Workplace Practices B
TU, Joanne	Health
VITHOULKAS, Ereni	Workplace Practices
WALTERS, Henriett	Workplace Practices



Student Counsellors

The counselling team at Marden Senior College are committed to providing a consistent high level of support to our staff, students and families. A new online appointment request is available at www.msc.sa.edu.au/request-support and will allow you to make a F2F or phone booking.

Please feel free to make arrangements with a particular counsellor from our team. We can provide confidential counselling in matters relating to:

- personal counselling
- conflict resolution
- career and pathway counselling
- study skills, time management
- health support issues
- referral and advocacy support with a wide range of community agencies
- problem solving and decision making.

Robyn Hearl – Assistant Principal, Student Services



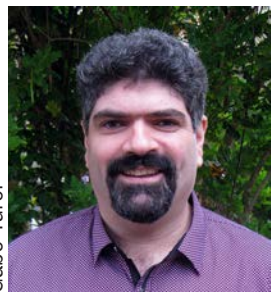
Robyn Hearl



Michelle van Wyk



Rachel Moore



Gabe Turci

From the Pastoral Care Worker

One thing I have become more aware of in recent days, is the uncertainty, the fear, the anger, the disbelief at what is happening. Surreal is a word I am hearing a lot - a weird 'dream' that is not a dream.

I suspect what I am seeing is in a way, a sense of grief. Grief at the loss of routine; a healthy lifestyle taken for granted; of social gatherings with family and friends; of sports and competition; of shopping!

Frustration too manifests as new ways are demanded of us in the way we carry out our once usual routines and processes. It impacts on all of us; in our school work, in our families, with our friends.

Fear, grief, uncertainty, frustration, anger can safely be shared and off loaded with me if you need an ear. No judgement, and confidentiality always. In these strange times being able to express and say what is eating away at us, without fear of ramification can work wonders, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you need some support or someone to talk to. I am on campus until I am told not to be.

Tim Wells

Marden Education Centre Library

Hi everyone, my name is Zoe Elliott and I am new to Marden Senior College as the Library Manager. It has been wonderful to get to know students this term.



This has been disrupted by the happenings around the world with COVID-19. For many, our lives have been interrupted in a significant way.

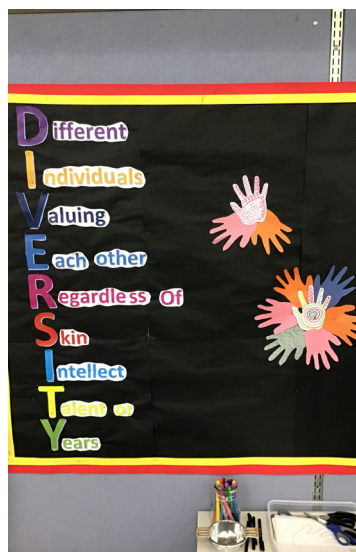
It is interesting that as I capture a couple of the displays in the library: ANZAC and Harmony Day, I am reminded that supporting others during tough times and living with understanding of each other is what makes us thrive as human beings.

2020 is moment in history and students and staff will look back at this time in wonder. We most likely will have many books written about this time in history.

I want to remind students that the library team are here to support them with accessing any resources that they may need.

If you haven't visited the library page on the college website, check it out. There's loads of resources, online platforms and fun things to do.

We are always here to help you.



Careers Information

Students interested in tertiary study and/or employment options may wish to take advantage of the following resources and events to begin their research into relevant courses, study options or career development opportunities.

Keep up-to-date with the latest in careers
Study Work Grow is still operating and bringing you the latest career news weekly.

Useful careers information can be sent directly to you by becoming a member of "Work Study Grow". This site is packed full of useful career information and you'd typically have to pay \$60 for a subscription but membership is completely free for a MSC student.

Step 1. Log on to: StudyWorkGrow.com.au

Step 2. Go to student tab and enter details

Step 3. Enter the school code: marden19

The **My Future** website is another great place to explore career options and job prospects.
www.myfuture.edu.au

Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo 2020 (POSTPONED)

Typically this event runs in May, but has been moved to 24 and 25 of July pending National and State Government health advice at the time.

The Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo has been South Australia's leading careers, education, training and employment event since its inception in 2005. Comprising of exhibitions, seminars, interactive features and career advice hubs, the event brings together the state's best education and training organisations, and employers with students, graduates and career changers.

The dedicated day for senior high school leavers is Friday, while Saturday generally attracts University graduates, the adult general public, mature age students and people looking to re-skill.

Put simply, The Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo is the leading event to inform and educate visitors about real career pathways and opportunities that exist within all industries.

Adelaide Showground, Goodwood Road
Friday 24 July, 9am – 3pm
Saturday 25 July, 10am – 4pm
FREE ADMISSION

More information is available at:
careeremploymentexpo.com.au/adelaide

Student Activities

