Vision Statement
Mater Dei College believes in the dignity and the nurturing of the individual and seeks to follow, with courage, Mary’s example of faith.

From the Principal

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2
I hope the term break has been an enjoyable and refreshing time and that we can resume Term 2 with a renewed sense of purpose.

We particularly welcome new students, parents and staff to our Mater Dei College community as they start this new term with us.

We welcome back Mr Grabski and Mr Maguire from their periods of leave and thank Ms Croasdale and other staff for ‘looking after things’ whilst they were away.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
'Thank you' to parents and students who availed of the opportunity to discuss a student's progress during the first term of this year. It is always important to assess how a year has begun and to receive suggestions about how improvements can be made as this second term unfolds.

WINTER TRAFFIC
As winter and the rainy season approaches, there will be an increase in vehicle traffic around the College in the mornings and afternoons. It is critical for drivers and passengers to be aware of the movement of traffic and to make sure safety is foremost in their mind.

Parked cars re-entering the traffic flow need to be particularly careful as other road users have right-of-way and may not be anticipating a vehicle emerging from a parking bay or road verge.

Students running through the rain to a stopped vehicle need to be especially careful and make sure to 'look both ways'.

YEAR 7 2017 ENROLMENTS
Interviews for places in Year 7 2017 are well under way and will extend through to the early part of next term. Enrolment places are limited and, if you haven’t done so already, parents are urged to complete and submit an Application Form as soon as possible so that an interview can be scheduled. The Letters of Offer of Year 7 2017 places will be posted in the last week of June this year.

OVERSEAS TOURS
We welcome back members of the Indonesian tour group who completed a very successful and enjoyable visit to Indonesia over the past weeks.

The Japan tour group returns at the end of this week

I wish to thank the staff members involved, Mrs Jacobs, Mr Donovan, Mrs Quelch and Ms Chambers, for their planning and support of our students whilst on tour. We will be hearing more of their wonderful journeys in the weeks to come.

ANZAC DAY
Because of the timing this year, we will conduct a memorial service for ANZAC Day this coming Friday.

This is a particularly special year of remembrance as we celebrate the centenary of the Gallipoli landing in 1915. It is important that we take time to reflect on the meaning of Anzac Day and the impact of conflict on people’s lives.

Mr Barry Alfirevich – Principal
Please note that Semester 1 exams are from 25 May to 5 June.

The College has booked presenters from Elevate Education for the two sessions mentioned below, which are highly recommended for students preparing for Semester 1 exams. The cost of each session is $10.00 per student. Please register and pay for the sessions by Friday, 24 April on the sign-up sheet in the College Administration. Full payment is confirmation of your place. The venue will be advised, upon confirmation of final group numbers.

SESSION 1: Ace Your Exams
DATE: Wednesday, 29 April, from 3.30 – 4.30 pm
COST: $10.00

With the arrival of exams, knowing the material is no longer enough. It now becomes a case of application. The question for many students is “How do I take all the work I have done and turn it into the marks I deserve?” This seminar outlines the critical exam skills that will allow them to excel in the exam room, whilst also demonstrating that exams are not just about the exam room – the preparation is where the marks are.

Skills Covered:
- **Effective work**
  - Students are introduced to the different types of work they can do in preparation for exams and which are the most effective. They, therefore, walk out of the seminar with an understanding of precisely what work they should be doing and when.
- **Fixing Mistakes**
  - The students are shown how to identify exactly what they are currently doing wrong on mock exams and practice papers, and how to ensure these mistakes are not made in the exam room.
- **Allocation of time**
  - Students are taken through a step-by-step process to ensure preparation is completed weeks in advance.
- **Exam room techniques**
  - Including stress management, planning, time allocation and how to tailor a succinct, focused answer.

SESSION 2: Memory Mnemonics
DATE: Wednesday, 6 May, from 3.30 – 4.30 pm
COST: $10.00

Memory Mnemonics
The only thing trickier than getting through all the work in the final years of school can be remembering it! In this seminar we cover simple to use techniques and strategies that help students with their memorisation and recall of information. This seminar also shows students that an ineffective study environment can have a negative impact on their memory. Students are introduced to ways of dealing with Facebook, music, TV, distractions, internet and ineffective work times.

Skills Covered:
- Understanding memory and how to manipulate it
- Examination of why we forget
- How to ensure more information is retained.

A number of memory techniques are outlined to suit different learning styles such as revision, rote learning, recital, chunking, triggers, mnemonics and how structure can assist with memory.

SESSION 3: Essay Booster
DATE: Wednesday, 12 May, from 3.30 – 4.30 pm
COST: $10.00

Essay Booster
Essays or extended response questions make up a significant proportion of the method of assessment in the WACE and, accordingly, this seminar deals with the various issues and common difficulties that students encounter in the essay writing process. This seminar provides students with an essay template modelled on the top English students in the State.
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2015

NAPLAN is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students are expected to participate in the testing. They will be assessed in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy.

The NAPLAN tests are designed to complement the regular assessments made by teachers throughout the year.

The tests provide a snapshot of a student’s achievement in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country. They assist teachers to better identify students who require additional support or enrichment. Students and parents can use individual results to discuss achievement with teachers. The tests allow the progress of each student to be monitored over time.

NAPLAN tests are conducted at the College and are administered by classroom teachers and the Dean of Students in the relevant year groups.

The tests are scheduled on the mornings of Tuesday, 12 May, Wednesday, 13 May and Thursday, 14 May. All schools in Australia must complete the tests on the same days.

Please see the timetable below.

If your child is absent from school on test days, the school will organise another time between 12-15 May.

Students are not permitted to sit tests before or after these dates.

Your son/daughter will bring home a pamphlet explaining more about NAPLAN, so please ask for that. If you have any questions regarding the tests, please contact Mrs Cosgrove (Dean of Students, Years 7, 9, 11) via email.

More information can be found on the NAPLAN website: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html

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Mrs Teresa Cosgrove
Dean of Students
Zoo Camp is a great opportunity to discover Perth Zoo after dark. Imagine your child bedding down for the night surrounded by zoo animals, waking to the roar of the Sumatran tigers and experiencing the morning chorus of birds, gibbons and elephants.

Students will:

- learn the importance of conservation through engaging evening activities
- create special enrichment items to be given to the animals
- explore Perth Zoo at night on a guided spotlight tour
- set up ‘camp’ undercover in the Zoo’s spacious Homestead Barn.

We will be taking a total of 25 students from Year 7 and Year 8 only, near the end of Term 4 (date to be confirmed). There is a cost of $120.

If you are interested please see Mrs Tara Hill for the application form.

MATER DEI COLLEGE CAFETERIA

St Catherine’s Cafeteria needs volunteers for 2015.

If you can spare some free time ANY DAY please contact Beryl Lythgoe, Cafeteria Manager, on 9405 0528.

MATER DEI COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

Week 2 - 11

Monday  8.00 am - 12.00 pm
Wednesday  8.00 am - 9.30 am
Thursday  8.00 am - 12.00 pm
12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Student Smartrider Card, EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities available

Telephone:  Mrs Linda Caporn on 9405 0539
Email - linda.caporn@mdc.wa.edu.au
LATEST RECIPIENTS OF MERIT CERTIFICATES 2/4/15

Siena House
Charlotte Lyons (Year 8) - 1 merit certificate.
Charlotte has also been awarded her SILVER level card.

Congratulations Charlotte.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2015

Please CLICK HERE for details about the extra-curricular clubs and activities that are happening around the College in 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

24 April
ANZAC Ceremony

1 May
Inter-House Athletics Carnival

5 May
Lightning Carnival

12 May
P&F Meeting – 7.30 pm

12 – 14 May
NAPLAN (Years 7 and 9)

15 May
College Photographs

19 May
Board Meeting – 7.00 pm

25 May – 5 June
Year 11 and 12 Examinations

28 May
ACC Cross Country

1 June
WA Day

8 – 10 June
Year 10 Examinations

14 June
P&F High Tea

Please click here to view the full Term 2 Calendar
MATER DEI COLLEGE
INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015
FRIDAY, 1 MAY

Participate and Build Up School Spirit

The 2015 Inter-House Athletics Carnival is scheduled to take place on Friday, 1 May. The Carnival program is designed to accommodate students of all athletic ability levels and is not an ‘elite-athletes only’ carnival. The events provide numerous opportunities for participation and achievement. Therefore, ALL students are expected to participate and contribute to their House spirit.

Inclement Weather: Should the carnival be cancelled due to inclement weather, students are expected to attend and be prepared for a normal Day 5. If cancelled, the alternative date for the carnival will be Monday, 4 May (Day 0).

Attendance is Compulsory: Please refer to the Student Planner Page 10.

Recess & Lunch
The College Cafeteria will NOT be open on the day of the carnival. Students are required to bring nutritious food and drinks for the day providing sufficient energy for repeated physical activity. As there are no scheduled Recess and Lunch breaks, students will be free to eat in between their events.

Personal & Uniform Requirements:
- College Sports Bag
- Lunch and drinks
- College House shirt, sports shorts/skirt and socks and shoes

Note: Items such as personal music devices, mobile phones and magazines are NOT to be brought to the carnival.

Mr Mark Golding
Head of Faculty - Health and Physical Education
Event Details
Perth Convention Exhibition Centre

Thursday, 14 May - 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
Friday, 15 May - 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
Saturday, 16 May - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Sunday, 17 May - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Entry is free
careers-expo.com.au

SAE Institute Information Day
Monday, 23 May, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. Level 1, 3-5 Bennett Street, East Perth, WA.
This information day is an opportunity to check out the facilities at SAE Perth and to meet with academic staff, view course and general presentations and have your questions answered.
T: (08) 6217 4100 or email: perth@sae.edu

University of Notre Dame: Course Info & Expo Evening
Wednesday, 20 May, 5.30 pm at Tannock Hall of Education (ND4), corner of Cliff Street and Croke Street, The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle.
Find out more about the courses offered by Notre Dame. The evening will feature presentations and the opportunity to speak with academic staff to get the most up-to-date information. Register online:

University of Notre Dame: Course Info & Expo Evening
Tuesday, 9 June, 5.30 pm - Drill Hall (ND25), corner of Mouat Street and Croke Street, The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle.
Find out more about the courses offered by Notre Dame. The evening will feature presentations and the opportunity to speak with academic staff to get the most up-to-date information.
Register online: http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2015-freo/course-info-evening-and-expo

Murdoch University: Undergraduate Information Evening
Wednesday, 20 May, 6.00 pm at Murdoch University, South Street Campus. Learn about our wide range of undergraduate course opportunities at Murdoch as well as our admission requirements. Staff will be on hand to answer course enquiries, questions on admission and application requirements, as well as support services.

Mrs Tara Hill – Careers Coordinator
Pumas Basketball Club, along with other clubs from Wanneroo Association, are currently seeking players for the Winter Basketball Season.

If you are born in the following years and are interested **WE NEED YOU!**

**We are looking to start a new team for U8’s – BOYS and GIRLS born in 2008 / 2009**

**We are desperate to find GIRLS born in 2006 / 2007**

**We also require GIRLS for an U16 C Division (2001/2000)**

*The Winter Season starts in Term 2 on 1 and 2 May 2015 and runs through to the end of Term 3, with a break over the July school holidays.*

*Please contact Peta pandrich8@bigpond.com (girls), or Fleur fleur.mcdowell@bigpond.com (boys) should you have any questions.*

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**COLLEGE CONTACTS**

Please note the College Administration and Student Services office hours are 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

**College Administration – 9405 4777**
**Students Services – 9405 0563**
**Absentees – 9405 0599**
**Uniform Shop – 9405 0539**
**Cafeteria – 9405 0528**
Inter-House Athletics Carnival 2015

Friday 1 May (Week 2)

The MDC Health & Physical Education Faculty and House Advisors are seeking the assistance of parents and former MDC students to fulfill official duties on the day of the carnival.

Your help would be greatly appreciated in the following areas:

- Timekeeping, Measuring
- Recording event results
- Assisting in marshalling competitors for events

If you are available for all or part of the day, please register your interest below and return the form to Mr Mark Golding, Head of Faculty - Health & Physical Education by Wednesday 29 April.

Should the carnival be cancelled due to inclement weather, the alternative date for the carnival will be Monday 4 May (Week 3).

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Assistance for Inter-House Athletics Carnival 2015

I am available to assist at the Mater Dei College Inter-House Athletics Carnival on Friday 1 May between the hours of ____________ and ____________

Full Name: Mr/Mrs __________________________
Student Name: __________________________
Homeroom: __________________________
Home Phone: __________________________
Mobile: __________________________

Alternatively, should inclement weather require a change of date,

I am available: Monday 4 May YES/NO (Please Circle)