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# WELCOME TO NEWMAN COLLEGE

## 2024



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A CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
EDUCATING IN THE  
MARIST TRADITION



# Welcome to 2024 at Newman

The ***Welcome to 2024 at Newman*** is a *new* publication that outlines and summarises key information for 2024 families who have students in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12. This publication is not exhaustive. We encourage families to bookmark this and visit it regularly. This can be found on our [College website](#). The website is updated weekly to reflect life at Newman College.

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## Marist 2024 Theme



The theme FIRST LIGHT invites us to recognise the world as the place in which we discover God. God's Spirit is in Creation. The first words of God were "Let there be light" (Gen 1:3), and with that our world dawned into existence. We can recognise and experience God's Spirit through the beauty and goodness of everything that the world holds and reveals, the spring buds on a tree, the warmth of the sun on your face, the sharing of a meal at a soup kitchen on a winter's day, in the eyes of a stranger. *Everything* reveals the presence of God (1 Cor 10:26).

We pray that the Holy Spirit illuminates our minds and hearts to recognise and know God's presence in the breath-taking and ordinary encounters of our life. We pray that our lives will be transformed by God's Spirit, making known the presence of God in the world and within us - "*You are the light of the world ... let your light shine.*" (Mt 5:14-16).

## Information Letters

- Primary Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 7 Introduction – [here](#)
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- Year 9 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 10 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 11 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 12 Introduction – [here](#)



## College Calendar

We recommend that families check the [College Calendar](#) weekly. Reminders of key dates will be circulated in the Newsletter and in emails and SMS texts from time to time. However, please be mindful that the online College Calendar is the point of truth. If we have learnt anything over the last two years, it is that life is dynamic and therefore dates or times may change, out of necessity.

After consultation with parents at our Newman Parents Forum, we are looking at solutions this year to further customize the calendar experience for user groups.

## Start of School Dates



The return to school dates for the different Year Groups are summarised below and are available on the

[College Calendar](#).

YEAR	DATE	TIME	VENUE
PK-6 New Students	Tuesday 30 January	1.00-1.45pm 1.45-2.30pm	Marian – Pre-Primary to Y2 Lavalla – Y3 to 6
Y7 Orientation Day Y8-12 New Students	Wednesday 31 January	8.45am 8.30am	Auditorium - Y7 Administration - Y8 to12
PK-6 Students	Thursday 1 February	8.45am 8.45am	Marian – PK to Y2 Lavalla – Y3 to Y6
Year 8-12 Students	Thursday 1 February	8.50am	

## Key Dates

The first month of Term One is particularly busy for our community with opening events such as Information Evenings, High Achievers Assembly, Parent Welcome Sundowner, and the compulsory Family Mass, to name a few. Below are key dates for your diaries. The table is not exhaustive. We encourage families to bookmark our [College Calendar](#) and visit it regularly.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Year 7-12 Information Evening	1 Feb	5.30-8.00pm	Auditorium
PK-12 Family Mass & Commissioning of Student Leaders	7 Feb	5.30-6.45pm	Br Terry Gleeson (Marcellin Oval)
High Achievers Assembly	13 Feb	10.20-11.20am	Gymnasium
KG-Y6 Information Evening	15 Feb	5.00-7.30pm	Marcellin Campus
Parent Welcome Sundowner	16 Feb	5.30-7.30pm	Founders Court



## Newman Parent Forum

The Newman Parent Forum (NPF) occurs once a term and is open to all parents. It is a parent community gathering which is led by the Principal and Vice Principal in collaboration with a nominated Newman Parent K-12 Executive Committee. The Newman Parent K-12 Executive Committee can be found on the [College website](#).

The NPF works in partnership with the College Executive to support College events, the Strategic Plan and to promote and advocate for the College and parents, both in school and the local community. The NPF is held in our St John Henry Newman Hub in the Marcellin Campus at 6.00pm. Dates can be found on the College Calendar. Parents are welcome to attend the NPF.

Below is a copy of the current NPF dates from the calendar.

TERM	DATE
NPF Term 1	Monday 11 March 6.00pm – 7.00pm
NPF Term 2	Monday 20 May 6.00pm – 7.00pm
NPF Term 3	Monday 19 August 6.00pm – 7.00pm
NPF Term 4	Monday 4 November 6.00pm – 7.00pm

## New Staff

We are very blessed to be welcoming the following new staff into our community this year.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	
Michael Chiera	Vice Principal
<b>STAFF PK-12</b>	
Kassandra Conway	Executive Assistant - Senior Leadership
Glenda Gillespie	Finance Manager
Kathy La Brooy	Leader of Learning Arts PK-12
<b>STAFF SECONDARY</b>	
Mariana Bassi (Aguilar)	Religious Education Teacher
Isabella Anastasio	Mathematics Teacher
Valeria Antonuccio	Italian Teacher
Kate Berridge	Education Assistant
Olivia Butler	English Teacher
Georgia Corica	Education Assistant
Kiera Ellis	English Teacher
Jennifer Go	HASS Teacher
Jake Goncalves	Health & Physical Education Teacher
Jayde Harvey	Outdoor Education Teacher
Sean Henderson	HASS Teacher
Luke Jensen	Mathematics Teacher
Martin Kolka	Leader of Learning Technologies
Scott McCallum	Health & Physical Education Teacher
Samantha Mitchell	Dance Teacher
Renee Passel	HASS Teacher
Nathan Pereira	Leader of Wellbeing Year 12
Gemma Taylor	Education Assistant
Patrizia Vallini	Canteen Assistant
<b>STAFF PRIMARY</b>	
Robyn Annat	Education Assistant
Tamara Bastow	Teacher
Elliana Celisano	Education Assistant
Martina Cocco (D'Orsogna)	Italian Teacher
Danae Florias	Education Assistant
Josh Houwen	Teacher
Lauren O'Brien	Teacher
Adam Read	Teacher
Kate Wells	Education Assistant
Julie (Giuliana) Romano	Education Assistant
Jenna Childs	Education Assistant



## Staffing Arrangements

We have two staff members in Acting positions during 2024. These arrangements are outlined below.

NAME	ROLE	PERIOD
Stuart McClorey	Acting Director of Mission & Catholic Identity	Term 1-4
Sarah Ellam	Acting Deputy Principal Secondary	Term 1-3

## Leadership

Members of the Executive and Leaders of the various Year Groups and Learning Areas are outlined below. Click on the name of the leader to obtain the email address.

NAME	ROLE	TEAM
<b>SENIOR LEADERS</b>		
Andrew Watson	Principal	Executive
Michael Chiera	Vice Principal	Executive
Steve Halley-Wright	Director of Finance and Operations	Executive
Stuart McClorey	Acting Director of Mission and Catholic Identity	Executive
Beth Murphy	Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning PK-12	Executive
Ryan von Bergheim	Head of Primary	Executive
Sarah Ellam	Acting Deputy Principal Secondary	Executive
Bernie Roberts	Director of Curriculum Administration PK-12	Executive
Nathan Pereira	Leader of Wellbeing Year 12	Wellbeing
David Husband	Leader of Wellbeing Year 11	Wellbeing
Luke O'Mara	Leader of Wellbeing Year 10	Wellbeing
Lucy Lane	Leader of Wellbeing Year 9	Wellbeing
Scott Smith	Leader of Wellbeing Year 8	Wellbeing
Will Hofman	Leader of Wellbeing Year 7	Wellbeing
Justin Kirry	Leader of Wellbeing Years 3 to 6	Wellbeing
Edwina Battersby	Leader of Wellbeing PK to Year 2	Wellbeing
Catherine Young	Leader of Learning PK to 6 (All learning areas)	Learning
Helen Leahy	Leader of Learning Religion (Secondary)	Learning
Antonia Johnstone	Leader of Learning Education Support (Secondary)	Learning
Sarah Pagett	Leader of Learning Support and Pedagogy	Learning
Rick Bartlett	Leader of Learning Mathematics (Secondary)	Learning
Narelle Cochran	Leader of Learning English (Secondary)	Learning
Fiona Hassell	Leader of Learning Science (Secondary)	Learning
Belinda McCagh	Leader of Learning Humanities & Social Sciences (Secondary)	Learning
Cameron Tremayne	Leader of Learning Health and Physical Education (Secondary)	Learning
Martin Kolka	Leader of Learning Technologies (Secondary)	Learning
David Johnson	Leader of Learning Languages (Secondary)	Learning
Kathy La Brooy	Leader of Learning The Arts PK to 12	Learning
Jane Short	Religious Education Co-ordinator PK to 6	Learning
Marnie Barrett	Leader of Sport (Secondary)	Sport

## Communication

Important communication will come to you via email, Seesaw, Newsletter, SMS text and SEQTA. Reports go live on [SEQTA Engage](#) at the end of each semester. Real time results and progress marks in secondary school are visible through the assessment tab on [SEQTA Engage](#). The [College website](#), [Calendar](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) are very important tools for communication and celebration. We encourage you to follow us on all our social media pages.

## Teaching and Learning Technology

The College uses Teams and OneNote as the sole delivery and engagement platform for student learning in Secondary. Training in the usage of Teams and OneNote begins from Year 4. Seesaw is operational in the Primary years as a teaching and learning tool.

College owned and managed iPads are now operational from Years 2 to 4. We are phasing out the Bring Your Own iPad Program in the Primary, in favour of College-owned and managed devices. Year 5 and 6 will continue with providing their own iPad. From Year 7, students are asked to purchase a Bring Your Own Nominated Device, as communicated by ICT.

## Newman College Norms

Our *Vision for Learning – Let your light shine (Matthew 5:16)* reflects the Marist charism of Newman College and our unwavering belief that all members of our community can develop their unique abilities. To live out this vision to its truest potential, we respect and agree to a series of reasonable ‘non-negotiables’. The [Newman College Norms](#) bring expectation to light and therefore promote psychological safety for all community members.

[Newman College Norms: Secondary Version](#)

[Newman College Norms: Primary Version](#)

## Code of Conduct

At Newman College we recognise that effective learning can only occur in a secure environment where the rights and responsibilities of others are known and respected and where standards and rules are fairly and consistently applied.

Managing the Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility between [students](#), [parents/guardians](#), and the College. We are expected to uphold the values of Newman College, not only at school but also in the community.

## Response Times

It is reasonable for teachers, students and parents to expect assessments to be marked and returned within a two-week period. This timeframe reflects the busy nature of a teaching timetable whilst also recognising the importance of timely feedback for learning.

When contacting the College, it is reasonable for College staff to respond within two school days. This reflects the teachers’ priority to prepare and teach classes and the right to disconnect outside of work hours, whilst also honouring the need to remain in close contact with parents and students.

## Capital Development

Newman College is embarking on a generational development that will see our Pre-Kindy to Year 12 community united for the first time in our history on a single campus. The program will see all learning and specialty areas of the primary school rebuilt to accommodate state-of-the-art teaching and learning practices, in line with the College's vision for learning '*Shine through Discovery – Let your light shine*' (Matthew 5:16).

The staged development will see the creation of the following spaces timetabled as follows:

- New Primary Administration building: February 2024
- New Year 3 to Year 6 building: April 2024
- Covered playing court area: April 2024
- Redevelopment of the Lavalla site - Kindergarten to Year 2 building: February 2025
- New Pre-Kindy building: February 2025
- Creation of new specialty areas such as Library, Art, Music, and STEM: February 2025
- New outdoor play spaces: February 2025

The integration of the primary campuses onto a single site will allow for greater access to the College's considerable facilities, including: the heated 50m Olympic size swimming pool, 600 seat Auditorium, dance studios and instrumental rehearsal spaces, multiple playing fields, Chapel and the St John Henry Newman Learning Hub. Furthermore, the single site will allow for the consistent involvement of leaders, teachers and specialty staff throughout the Pre-Kindy to Year 12 community.

## College Timetable PK-12

The commencement and conclusion times for Primary and a breakdown of the College timetable for Secondary can be found [here](#) on the College website. Please see the Primary letter for further information regarding drop-off and pick-up information.



## Assessment Guidelines and Procedures - Secondary

We have amended our [Assessment Guidelines and Procedures for Years 7 to 9](#). The Assessment Guidelines and Procedures for both [Years 7 to 9](#) and [Years 10 to 12](#) reflect the rigour that the College and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority expect. Please familiarise yourselves with these important Guidelines and Procedures for Assessment and Missed Assessment.

### Planned Absence

Families are encouraged to take leave during the gazetted school holidays.

In the event such as a family holiday and sporting representations of a three (3) days or more, Parents/Guardians must inform the Vice Principal via email [michael.chiera@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:michael.chiera@newman.wa.edu.au) with the reason for the absence, giving as much notice as possible.

### Absentees

Please communicate student absences to the College by 9.00am.

**PK - Year 6** - [absenteeprimary@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:absenteeprimary@newman.wa.edu.au) or (08) 9416 9700 before 9.00am

**Year 7 - Year 12** - [absenteesecondary@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:absenteesecondary@newman.wa.edu.au) or (08) 9204 9445 before 9.00am

## College Uniform

The specifics of the College uniform and personal appearance requirements can be found on the College website [here](#) and in the student diaries. Items of uniform can be purchased [online](#) or in person at the uniform shop on the Marcellin Campus. The Uniform Shop is [located](#) on the Marcellin Campus and is indicated by point 'U' on the Map.

Students who do not meet the College uniform and personal grooming expectations will be asked to rectify the problem before being able to attend classes. Please see the Year Group Letters for further information.



## Behaviour Support Policy

Newman College recognises that students learn best when they are in a safe and settled environment, where there are clear and consistent norms and high expectations for social behaviour. Our Behaviour Support Policy is centred on developing and promoting respectful and positive relationships within the College community. Students will receive positive guidance and encouragement that promotes a learning environment where the dignity of all is valued and celebrated. Families are asked to familiarise themselves with our [Behaviour Support Policy](#).

## Canteen

The Marcellin canteen offers a wide choice of food and beverages available at recess and lunch time. Menus are managed with the principle of healthy eating in mind. Newman College offers canteen ordering services through Flexischools across all campuses for recess and lunch. Please see the [College website](#) for more information.

## SunSmart

College Hats are required to be worn outdoors, Terms 1 and 4. Parents are encouraged to check the College Calendar for future outdoor events. Please check the [College calendar](#) for events to anticipate when students may be exposed to the sun for an extended period. Where appropriate,

please ensure that your child applies sunscreen and brings a hat on these days (Athletics and Swimming Carnivals).

## College Website

We encourage you to bookmark our [College website](#) and visit it regularly. It is updated weekly to reflect life at Newman College. The website holds all the information that you require, including [Annual School Improvement Plan, Policies and Procedures](#) and Newsletters, amongst a plethora of relevant and timely information.

The Newman College APP will be available to families soon. Further information will be provided at the Information Evening.

