Dear Mazenod Community,

The final sprint to the end of the year is certainly upon us, with Year 12 Transition commencing this week and Year 10 Students finishing up. I have already attended my fourth Christmas/end of year event and it is not even December. On Wednesday evening the Ladies’ Auxiliary hosted the end of year Mass and Christmas function a well attended evening. As I mentioned to the mothers on the evening both the Mothers Auxiliary and the Fathers’ Association are important communities that support the College and I encourage you to consider getting involved.

The Valedictory Mass and Dinner, on Thursday evening, was a sad occasion as it was our final farewell to the Class of 2016, however it was also filled with a great sense of excitement as they move into a new phase in their journey.

I would like to Congratulate Ethan Fernandes from Year 10 who was accepted into the Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program. Ethan was successfully selected for the Program from over 1800 applications across Victoria. Ethan along with the other successful recipients will participate in a tailored program of events and activities to support and enhance his Secondary education, inspire his career plans and provide opportunities to interact with the University Community.

We are very fortunate to be in a School Community that is growing. At the beginning of 2017 there will be some 1460 students at the College, growing to 1540 over the next two years. While growth is positive it also means that we have put in place structures to continue the positive culture of high quality pastoral care, standards in discipline and academics. After discemnent with the Staff and College Leadership Team it became clear to me that we required another layer of management. For this reason I created two new Leadership Positions in the College the Dean of Junior School (Years 7 -9) and the Dean of Senior School (Years 10 -12). I would like to congratulate Mr Peter Finnigan who was appointed as the Dean of Junior School and Mr Tim Ford who was appointed as Dean of Senior School, both have come to the College Community holding similar positions in other schools. My hope is that they will work closely with the Year Level Coordinators along with Homeroom Teachers to help to support our young men in their journey and their transition in particular important parts of their formation here at the College.

In last week’s Newsletter I gave you some further details about the Student Personal Computer Program which will be introduced at Year 7 and Year 10 next year. Over the last 12 months the College Executive along with the Staff have been developing a guidelines document to assist students and parents along with other resources that will be available to the students on the Learning Management System and the Parent Portal early next year. Please find a link to the 2017 Student Personal Computer Program Guidelines that we hope will assist both students and families in the introduction of this important new program. Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K5eEiJ34UG8Bz4ukjmyFZZTkc9_CalR2O8u3maMXU/edit?usp=sharing

Next Friday the Fathers’ and Sons’ Association will be hosting a Family Activity Day and BBQ for all families but in particular to welcome new families to the College. In the same way that it is important for our new students who experience a Mazenod Welcome, and getting to know the place, it is important for our new parents to be warmly welcomed to the College Community.

Today a group of Students and Teachers including two Oblates from our schools in Hong Kong came to visit the College. A group of Year 9 Students hosted our guests for a tour of the College, some sporting activities followed by lunch together, a classic Aussie Barbie for our guests.

This morning we farewelled 27 Students and 3 Staff who departed for Italy for a 3 week cultural enriched program. A blog has been set up to follow their adventures - http://italyvanuatu2016.blogspot.com.au/

I would like to conclude my newsletter on a very positive note, and it nice when someone takes the time to acknowledge the behaviour of our students. The following letter below was sent by a person working in the accommodation centre where our Year 9 Students stayed on the trip to Canberra.

Dear Father Christian Fini,

This week students and teachers from your school came for a Tour of Canberra and our venue was lucky enough to host them for dinner Monday to Thursday night and organise lunch pack each day.

Our venue is extremely busy and we do host many schools bus Tours, Formal dinners and celebrations. We deal with Public and Private schools and quite often some elite schools at that and after hosting your group I thought Wow. Which school is this! Mazenod College I was told.

You must be so proud of your Students and Teachers. In my six years here I have never come across such a polite, well-mannered group of students in a Tour group or function. Each night your amazing teachers would have them at the entry to our venue on time and all accounted for and make sure they were the standing before entry for other guests sitting in to the venue and they would then escort them through the venue to their seating and they would quietly sit down and the dinner process would proceed. They ate all their meals, no wastage and thanked my staff as meals were placed down and then plates collected. I must admit I was a little puzzled to see such fantastic behaviour.

My regular guests even commented to me “How amazing are those kids.” What school are they from? You have such devoted teachers who really do care about the example their students set. So it is fairly easy to ascertain that your college must be an extremely caring education facility who has chosen carefully their teachers.

I do realise it starts at home and must be followed through in our schooling system from the Principal down and I really want to thank you, the parents, teachers and students from Mazenod College. Congratulations for having such an amazing college. I often hear people saying the kids of today just are not disciplined and always rude. Well there is hope and feel proud of your teachers and students because whatever you’re doing it’s a stand- out. Thank your teachers for me please for being such a great leadership Team. They were so happy and polite and the students so respected them. The venue Staff so enjoyed hosting your College.

warm regards,

While this letter talks about the Year 9 Students who participated in the trip to Canberra we have had many positive comments from external providers of the Outdoor Education Program relating to their observations of the excellent behaviour of our students.

God Bless.

Fr Christian Fini OMI
Rector

Over the past two weeks, Mr Coghlan and I have been meeting with representatives from Ventura bus services endeavouring to gain greater bus resources for our ever growing school population. For those who may not be aware, Mazenod has three dedicated Ventura buses that operate within the Springvale area. Buses pick up and drop off students at Springvale Station, Springvale library and 5 ‘ways’ the area down at the intersection of Springvale Rd and Cheltenham Rd.

In our discussions with Ventura it seems, that even though our school population is growing, we may be over subscribed in the busses that are allocated to the College. PTV, the government body that allocates buses to routes, uses Myki statistics to gauge the popularity of a particular bus route and therefore uses that as an indicator as to how many buses should be running.

According to the most recent audit, only 30% of Mazenod students ‘touch on’ in the morning. The buses that were monitored were the buses that left Springvale Station at 7.55 in the morning. Alarming only 3% of students ‘touched on’ when they boarded the buses at the end of the day.

While most students, and some parents, think that this is a free service, the ramifications are that Mazenod will never get more buses allocated to the College even though our numbers are growing and in fact we may even lose some of the resources we have now. The solution to this problem is simple. We need to ensure that our students, your sons, are doing the right thing and paying for the service that they receive. Everyone loves a bargain,
but as my wise old father use to say; ‘there is no such thing as a free lunch’! There is always a consequence to getting something for nothing. That consequence is that we will lose the transport services that we have allocated to the College. Students will be forced to walk and catch the public buses that run along Springvale Road. To share buses with the public and be prepared for that stop start journey where drivers pick up commuters from every stop.

The representative from Ventura stated that the drivers were extremely complimentary about the behaviour, manners and general demeanour of the students that they picked up from the College. Our boys have a fantastic reputation when they are out in public, it is a reputation in which we can all be proud, however, we now need to ensure that the exemplary behaviour is matched with an honesty that is reflected in paying for a service that benefits so many of our students and families that live within the Springvale area.

Have a great weekend

Tony Rolfe
Deputy Principal - Operations

VCE BLAZERS FOR YEAR 11 - 2017

blazers are now available from the Uniform Shop. There is also the option of having woolen blazers braided for VCE. If the blazer is in good condition, the braid can be attached for a cost of $45. Please ensure that the blazer is big enough to fit for the next two years. The blazers are sent back to the manufacturer ONCE ONLY over the Christmas break and are returned before the start of the school year. If you wish to have a blazer braided please ensure that:

1. It is in good condition, has been dry cleaned and the tags are still attached.
2. It has a name and contact number attached.
3. It is dropped off at the Uniform Shop (NOT office) no later than Monday 28th, November. This is during Year 11 Transition and we will open that day between 10.30am and 1.30pm. *Please note - NO BLAZER WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION AND HAS BEEN DRYCLEANED

Uniform Shop - Extra Opening Times
Saturday 26th November - 8.30 to 9.30am
Monday 28th November - 11.00am to 3.30pm
Thursday 1st December - 12.30 to 4pm (last day of regular hours)
Saturday 3rd December - 8.30 to 9.30am
Monday 5th December - 4.30 to 5.30pm

LADIES AUXILIARY

This week the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their Annual Christmas party for 2016. It was very well attended with current and Year 7 2017 Mothers’ Fr. Fini celebrated a beautiful mass with the mum’s in the school chapel, with Danny Kennelly leading the choir and Tina Giacco co-ordinating mass, prayers and readers. The mum’s enjoyed great food, wine and company. The door prizes draw was one of the entertaining parts of the event and this year was no exception with Fr. Fini adding humour throughout the draw. The Ladies Auxiliary committee would like to sincerely thank Fr. Fini, Tina Giacco and Danny Kennelly for all they did to help towards making this yearly event another success. Thank you to the mum’s that helped set up and cleaned up at the end of the function. Your help is greatly appreciated.

DATE TO REMEMBER:
The AGM has been re-scheduled for the first meeting for 2017 on Monday, 21st November – 7.45am start. The following students are in Stage Band for 2017:

- Ethan Fernandes
- Ashton Vaz
- Darcy Tranter
- Anthony Bolling
- Ryan Koroknai
- Callum Porritt
- Andre Frederic
- Thomas Goodwin
- Sean Solari
- Shyan Punyadasa
- Daniel Cheon
- Mateo Acosta
- Matthew Foo
- Trevor Dinh
- Mateo Tufan
- Martin Dinh
- Alex Colasante
- Joseph Ambrose

Stage Band rehearsal starts again this Friday until the end of term, 7:45am start. The following students are in Stage Band for 2017:

Year 7 Night is on Wednesday 23rd November starting at 7pm in the Founders’ Complex. This is only for Year 7 students who learn an instrument through the Year 7 Instrumental Program. We encourage all family, friends and staff to attend this night to support our students in their solo performances.

AMEB Dates and Times for Session 5:
Please be aware of the following AMEB dates for session 5 for those students enrolled. Please check the time of your exam with your teacher: Wednesday 30th November – String Exams

Congratulations to those students who have successfully completed their AMEB exams already.

2017 Fees Announcement
Hire fees in 2017 will be $100 per Semester. If you are considering purchasing an instrument, please contact the music department on 8561 1108.

2017 Musical - Mary Poppins!
We are excited to announce the 2017 Musical is: Mary Poppins!!

AUDITION DATES!
Tuesday 22nd November & Thursday 24th November
Lunch and after school
Drama Room
*Please put your name down with Miss Walton at the music office.
If you are unable to make the auditions, please speak to Miss Walton. Reminder of discontinuing lessons: Just a reminder to parents to notify the music department if your son intends on discontinuing lessons. Please notify by contacting the music office by Thursday 23rd November.
Reminder: Could all Yr 12 students please bring back their hired instruments to the Music Office by end of term.

FATHERS ASSOCIATION

The Mazendon Fathers Association is holding its end of year Family BBQ and Cricket match on Friday, 25th of November 2016.

Again this is looking like it will be a great evening of casual cricket with a tasty BBQ on the side. All Mazendon families are invited to come along and have a hit of ‘Big Backyard Cricket’ with your sons and daughters and meet other families at Mazendon.

This is a free family event and will be held at the College, starting at 6:00pm on Friday 25th November, 2016. To assist with catering please register your details via this link to ensure we have plenty of food & drinks. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mazenod-fathers-association-bbq-and-big-backyard-cricket-2016-tickets-2917068317
SPORT

ROUND 1 ACC SENIOR SPORT – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

With the hectic start to every school year the ACC has again decided to run the round fixture for Term 1 ACC Sport on Wednesday the 30th of November. This works extremely well for us as we have our College Retreat the first week back in 2017. Therefore our incoming Year 12 and 11 Students will be required to play for the College on this Wednesday. As most colleges are either on holidays or still on transition programs most games will start earlier than normal and will allow students the opportunity of an early finish. Senior coaches will be in contact very soon with students regards teams for this day. The fixture is:

**TERM 4 ACC SPORT FIXTURE WEEK 8**

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ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS MEDALISTS

Last weekend Mr Pearson took a number of Mazenod Students to the Victoria All Schools Athletics event in at Albert Park. We have a very dedicated bunch of athletes who have continued to train over the past months with the Mr Pearson and their own coaches. It is early in the season but we had 2 outstanding performances.

We congratulate Will and Oliver on running places in their respective events. Will Collins 3000m – Bronze & Oliver Van Rensburg 1500 – Bronze

OLD BOYS- EXTERNAL COACHING AND HELP! - THANK YOU

As you all are aware, we run a very extensive sports program both externally and internally. We have over 65 teams that play over the course of the year in over 400 fixture events! It is a massive program undertaken by the college and students. We have a wonderful staff that give so passionately and willingly to the program but even we acknowledge that it would be hard to do the job we do without the help of the Old Boys network that come back and help. Every week we have a number of ex-students come back in and assist in the running of sport for which we are truly grateful. Many help coach, or umpire and mentor students during their time and they provide and invaluable asset to the College. Mr Griffin and I would like to thank all of them personally for their professional and dedicated help to our program. We acknowledge the wonderful amount of energy they bring and the wonderful guidance they give the students as they have all walked the same path as the boys!

If any old boy would like to be involved in the sports program next year they should get in contact with the sports department and contact Mr Griffin at sgriffin@mazenod.vic.edu.au to see where there availability can assist the college and their continued development post school days.

OBLATE CRICKET SQUAD

The Oblate Cricket carnival is fast approaching! We are hosting this year’s event here at Mazenod with the assistance of St Bede’s College and Whitefriars College. The carnival will begin with a mass and opening dinner on Sunday, 4th of December. From there the cricket kicks in with 3 days of high class action. The College Oval will host games on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th. The Oval will host all Oblate fixtures with our own team playing on the Monday vs Iona and Thursday vs Mazenod WA. On the Tuesday Mazenod Vic will be playing at Monash University.

We are also very excited to name our 14 man squad for the carnival. We had over 20 students try out representing all year levels! It was easily the strongest squad we have assembled and we had to leave a number of very talented players out. Most of these boys will be eligible to go to Queensland next year. Congratulations to the following students on their selection: Sean Nathan (11), Luke Byrnes (11), James McPhee (11), Max O’Driscoll (11), Adam Gilmore (11), Liam Sherlock (11), Riley Payne (11), Joel Zietsman (11), Hugh Paulus (11), Ruerigan Braganza (11), Auzburt Tellis (11), Nathan Munasinghe (10), Zach Martin (10), Shane Fernandes (10)

There will be a training session for the squad on Tuesday, 29th of October at 2pm at the College.

TERM 4 ACC FINALS

Thursday marked the last official day of ACC for 2016! It has been an enormous year again with many highs to talk about!! This week again had its great moments and disappointments. On Tuesday our Volleyball teams at Year 9A and 10 A & B all had very convincing wins! The team as expected have performed exceptionally well over the season with our Year 10 boys being undefeated. The year 9’s were clearly the best squad in the competition and when required were able to go to another level. Our Year 10 cricket team for the second year in a row made the cricket Grand Final against St Joseph’s Geelong. The team had after an early loss put together some good form and after beating the undefeated St Bernard’s in the semi-final went in confident. Unfortunately they came up against a very talent Geelong team and were outclassed for the majority of the game.

Yesterday at Dandenong our Junior Volleyball continued to shine winning 7 of the 8 Volleyball Grand finals on offer. Our Year 8B Tennis team unfortunately lost their Grand Final against St Bernard’s by the slimmest of margins. Both teams won 6 of the 12 games and we managed 50 games and St Bernard’s 52 which gave them the victory. Well done to Mr Tranter and the team on their efforts. It did not stop the boys from trying their best and they can be very proud of what they achieved. I will have a wrap of the year next week.

**TERM 4 ACC RESULTS**

| 10 A VOLLEYBALL | 11/15/2016 | St. Bernards | Win | Maz 3-75 defeated st Bernard’s 0-20 |
| 10 B VOLLEYBALL | 11/15/2016 | Parade | Win | Maz 2-73 defeated parade 1-69 |
| 09 A VOLLEYBALL | 12/15/2016 | St. Bede’s | Win | Maz 3-75 defeated st bedes 0-60 |
| 09 B VOLLEYBALL | 11/16/2016 | St. Bede’s | Loss | Maz 1-56 defeated by st bedes 2-73 |
| 08 B TENNIS | 11/17/2016 | Whitefriars | Win | 10 sets to 1 set |
| 08 A TENNIS | 11/17/2016 | De La Salle | Win | 8/63 v 4/45 |
| 07 A VOLLEYBALL | 11/17/2016 | St. Bede’s | Win | 3/75 v 0/41 Bl s v St Berns 3/65 v 0/41 |
| 08 A VOLLEYBALL | 11/17/2016 | St. Bernards | Win | 2-73 vs 1-42 |
| 08 B VOLLEYBALL | 11/17/2016 | St. Bede’s | Loss | 1-61 vs 2-72 |
| 08 B TENNIS | 11/17/2016 | St. Bernards | Loss | St Bernards 6/52 Mazenod 6/50 |
| 08 A CRICKET | 11/17/2016 | Whitefriars | Win | Mazenod 3 / 107 defeated Whitefriars 7/106 |
| 07 B CRICKET | 11/17/2016 | Whitefriars | Loss | 7/76 lost to 3/77 |
| 07 A Tennis | 11/17/2016 | Whitefriars | Loss | Maz 4/45 lost Whitefriars 8/55 |

Mass Times

Mass in the Mazenod Chapel – Monday to Friday. 8.10am during Term
St Leonard’s, GLEN WAVERLEY, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:00am, 10:00am
Good Shepherd, Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 1pm
St Justin’s, Wellers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10:30am
St Joseph’s, Springvale, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 3pm(Viet), 5:30pm
St John Vianney’s, Springvale North, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10:30am, 11am
St Peter’s, Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11:15am (Italian)
St Peter’s, Rowsley, Sat (Vit) 6pm, Sun 6am, 9:30am, 11am
St Paul the Apostle, Endeavour Hills, Mon-Tues & Fri 9am, Wed 7pm, Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am, 6pm
Holy Saviour, Vermont South, Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am
St. Elizabeth’s, Dandenong North, Tues-Thur 9:15am, Sat 6:30pm, Sun 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm
St Anthony’s, Noble Park, Tue-Sat 9:30am, Wed 7pm, Sat (Vit) 6:30 pm, Sun 5:15am, 9:30am, 11am, 5:30pm
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Every Drop Counts

Ways to save water

- Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of load you are using.
- Don’t let water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

China Immersion Trip 2016 Fundraiser

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate are a Missionary Congregation working in approximately 68 countries, including China and Australia. As part of the ongoing commitment to providing opportunities for the community to experience the richness of service, Mazenod is facilitating and coordinating a Missionary Experience in China for 15 students completing Year 11 and 3 staff members. The area of service will be in Beijing, where the Oblates (including Australian Oblates) serve the people of China through schools, youth ministries and orphanages.

The work primarily will involve working in orphanages and schools, and the learning of English. Within China there many internal refugees and the Oblates serve the most abandoned people in China. The work will involve direct support for the Oblate Mission.

Mazenod College is fundraising for this year's China Immersion trip in December this year. We are looking for donations suitable for a silent auction to be held during 21st and 25th November. If you or your business are able to contribute to this cause in anyway it would be greatly appreciated.

You will be more than welcome to bid on any of the items as well. A list of available auction items will be distributed through MOCA. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tim Ford at the College on 95600911 tford@mazenod.vic.edu.au

MaizBay

MaizBay is available again this year for buying and selling secondhand textbooks online.

To Buy textbooks – no password is required.
To Sell – students need to log into the site and enter items for sale.

To log in, all Mazenod students have been emailed a special Joining Code and instructions. Students must use their StudentID as username for their MaizBay (Wikispaces) login. Please read the instructions on the MaizBay homepage.

MaizBay is offered as a service to the Mazenod Community. All sale agreements are personal between the seller and the buyer, so you are encouraged to check the details carefully. Only current textbooks are listed on MaizBay. If an item is not on Maizbay, it will not be on the booklist.

Library Staff can assist with queries ph 8561 1137
CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

**Course Updates**

**Bachelor of Applied Science (Health and Physical Education)**
This course has been closed for Semester 1, 2017 intake. Whilst RMIT understands that this is disappointing for applicants, RMIT needs to review and refine this course to ensure that it meets new accreditation standards. Students who have applied for this course will be contacted directly. There are still many other courses available to students interested in Sports Science, courses can be found here.

**Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning)/Bachelor of Business (Accountancy)**
RMIT's new double degree is the only one in Victoria that combines financial planning and accounting to develop students' knowledge and capabilities to provide business, finance and wealth management advice once they graduate. Year 12 students still have time to add this course to their preference list during the Change of Preference period. Why should you choose this course? All questions answered here.

**Facilities**
New Food Science facilities in Bundoora RMIT has just opened the doors to the new ‘Food Research and Innovation Centre’ in Bundoora. Bachelor of Science (Food Technology and Nutrition) students now have the opportunity to undertake the second half of their course in these world class facilities while gaining hands on experience and inventing the foods of the future. More information.

**Science Experience Registration (Year 10 & 11 students)**
The Science Experience is three fun-filled days of hands-on activities and practicals for students entering Year 10 in 2017. This popular school holiday program allows Australia’s next generation of curious scientists to go behind the scenes and sample the exhilarating world of science and technology. Students will perform experiments, participate in field trips, attend university lectures and experience three days of student life on campus. Date: 17-19 January 2017 Cost: $120 Register here.

**Interesting Videos**

**Computer Science**
A career in computer science can take students from Melbourne to Silicon Valley and beyond. RMIT Alumnus and Vice President Engineering at Hugh Williams talks about careers in computer science, and how RMIT’s programs give students the skills and experience needed to meet the challenges of this exciting and rapidly changing industry. Watch here.

**Surveying**
Meet Lucas Smith, after finishing school he worked as a surveyor’s assistant. His experience of working in the industry inspired him to learn more by studying the Advanced Diploma of Surveying. He is now studying the Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying) (Honours) and is on track to becoming a fully qualified surveyor and his own boss. Watch here.

**Get Started at Melbourne Commencing Students 2017**
When the University of Melbourne reopens on 3 January 2017, the selection officers for each course go straight into course selection. It is a very busy time of the year for admissions staff who work nonstop from the time they receive the applications from VTAC early in January until selection is finalised.

The University lets VTAC know which students it will be making offers to. VTAC then send the offer to the student via their VTAC user account. Students should receive their course offer at 2:00pm on Wednesday 18 January 2017. Students who receive a University of Melbourne course offer will then receive an email from the Vice Chancellor with their University of Melbourne student number and a link to “Get Started at Melbourne”. Students should ensure the email address listed in their VTAC account is still active, and check their email regularly during this period. It is not uncommon for these emails to end up in students’ automated junk email folders, so students should check all junk email folders before contacting the University if they feel they should have received an email.

The process from offer to orientation is fairly straightforward. Students simply need to read the directions sent to them and follow the steps closely. Students must set up their University account before they can accept their offer and complete their administrative enrolment. It is recommended that students complete this step as soon as possible, so that they become a current student. If at any time students need help with their online acceptance and enrolment, they can contact STOP 1 by calling 13MELB, ask a question online or drop into STOP 1 in person. The “Get Started at Melbourne” website is public, so students and parents can go through the pages together before offers come out and familiarise themselves with the seven steps to follow. More info: www.students.unimelb.edu.au/getstarted Chat: www.ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask. Telephone: 13MELB (13 63 52) Drop in: STOP 1, 757 Swanston Street, Parkville (main entrance off Grattan St)

**Bachelor of Design Updates**
The Bachelor of Design’s entry in the University handbook has been updated to include program details and subjects offered in 2017. The handbook entry includes detailed information on learning outcomes, course structure, entry requirements and an overview of the diverse subject offering. It covers majors, minors, specialisations, electives and breadth options. Handbook entry: www.handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2017/B-DES Sample study plans by major: www.bades.unimelb.edu.au

**Free 5 Day Bricklaying Work Ready Program**
The Australian Brick & Block-laying Training Foundation Limited (ABBTF) runs a ‘hands on’ work ready bricklaying program. This program can provide a pathway to an Apprenticeship in Bricklaying and a rewarding career in the building industry. You will learn basic skills in a ‘hands-on’ environment:
- General trowel skills & laying bricks
- Bricklaying hand tools & using rake jointers & roll joiners
- How to build brick walls, piers & use frame ties
- Correct set up & operation of a concrete mixer
- How to make Mortar batches correctly
- How to set a job up & basic labouring skills
- Plan and organise work
- OH&S work site basics & communication skills

The ABBTF have employers in Melbourne and Victorian areas looking to take on an apprentice. Successful candidates will be put in touch with these employers and in some cases employers may meet with you during the program. Limited places are on offer and only genuine candidates will be chosen by ABBTF to participate. Program starts Monday 5th December at Chisholm TAFE Berwick. More information, see Ms Seremetis in the Careers Office.

Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator
Are you wondering what to give as a gift for Christmas this year?

Give someone a gift of hope this Christmas

An ideal meaningful gift for someone special this Christmas is a MAMI Gift Card: a gift that keeps on giving for the entire year and beyond.

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ. In the true spirit of Christmas, your gift can be a gift to those less fortunate - a gift of love.

The concept is simple: make a recommended tax deductible donation to one of our programs and you will receive a Christmas Gift Card, which explains that you have purchased a gift card in place of a gift, and give it to a loved one.

Make a donation to one of these projects in the Missions supported by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

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