



Bacchus Marsh  
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## **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

### **Subject: Middle School Welcome**

Dear Families

I hope my letter finds you all safe and well rested after the holidays. I'm extremely pleased to welcome all our students, staff and wider community back to our Woodlea campus for the start of the new academic year. As the new Head of Middle School, I'm thrilled to have joined the school during this exciting time and look forward to meeting and working with all the students over the course of this year, and beyond. We have several exciting developments and events happening across this academic year and we are all excited to share these with you in time.

As you are all aware, we are returning to school with COVID-19 still a key consideration and concern. Please rest assured that there are safety measures in place in line with the advised guidelines and we will continue to monitor these processes to maintain the highest standards of care. A key development of this has been the distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) to all our students to ensure that we can effectively monitor, track and trace any COVID developments. Students have been requested to administer these tests twice a week and report any positive cases to the school and DHHS. We hope that this will support families in ensuring the whole community remains on top of this.

As we move into the new academic year, we have several new staff joining our team and I'm sure they will be reaching out to you shortly, either as a Tutor Teacher or subject teacher, to introduce themselves and offer a point of contact. I would like to introduce our Middle School coordinators for this academic year, who will be supporting students and parents in their respective year groups, as well as supporting the development of the whole school:

**Mr. Panczel – Year 5 Coordinator**  
**Ms. Demarchi – Year 6 Coordinator**  
**Mr. Monaghan – Year 7 Coordinator**  
**Mrs. Forbes – Year 8 Coordinator**

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and should you need anything please don't hesitate to contact me ([meakint@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:meakint@bmg.vic.edu.au)). We all look forward to a very exciting and productive 2022 at BMG Woodlea.

Best wishes

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