



Cardijn Connect W5, T3 2023

Big Bands Achieve Big at ABODA Festival

Last week, students attended the annual Australian Band and Orchestral Directors Association (ABODA) Band and Orchestra Festival, drawing in 143 participating bands and orchestras from SA schools, hosted by Westminster. Big Bands 1 and 2 represented Cardijn on Friday, aiming to both compete and gain insights from experienced adjudicators Ross Irwin and Nick Mulder.

This marked the first time we have entered two bands in the Stage Band divisions — Novice and Intermediate.

While Big Band 1 has been a regular at the ABODA festival, this year's outing was particularly rewarding as we took home a Silver Award! Making their debut, Big Band 2 directed by Mr Brad Tucker brought home a respectable Bronze Award - a promising start to their ABODA journey.

The festival provided our students with the chance to listen to various bands and appreciate the musical dedication of peers from different schools. Each school was tasked with performing a designated test piece for their division alongside an additional piece of their choosing.

Marian Campus Music Coordinator Chris Weber was the commissioned composer for the test piece in the Novice Stage Band division, titled "Broken Hip Blues." Our students had the opportunity to observe diverse interpretations of this composition across the schools in attendance.





Cardijn Named Finalists in State Training Awards

We are delighted to share that Cardijn College has been named as a finalist in two categories in the 2023 South Australian Training Awards.

RTO Training Manager Justin Mamo has been named amongst the finalists in the VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year. This award recognises innovation and excellence by a trainer or teacher providing nationally accredited training to students at a registered training organisation (RTO), or in partnership with an RTO. There is an opportunity to vote for Justin in the Voters' Choice category and we encourage our Cardijn community to get behind Justin by [casting a vote](#).

The College is equally thrilled to be recognised in the VET Innovation for Schools category. This award recognises excellence in schools that are developing innovative and new mechanisms for encouraging VET pathways in their schools so that their models and programs can be publicised and shared with schools across the state.

The winners will be announced at the Awards Gala Dinner on 21 September.



A Window into the AMAZING Adolescent Brain



Our recent presentation at Galilee, facilitated by Mark Le Messurier, has received positive feedback from many of the families who attended. Mark provided helpful insights into the development of the adolescent brain and practical tips for parents/caregivers to implement to support their young people. Some of the feedback included:

- *"Thank you, Mark - we both learned something from it - love your work and very grateful."*
- *"Thanks Mark. It was a very warm look at how our delightful young people are building. As always an informative session."*
- *"Thank you Mark! Amazing, inspirational words as always."*
- *"It was fabulously informative. I was glued. Thank you so much."*

Stay tuned to Cardijn Connect for future seminars and opportunities for families.

Science Week 2023 – Innovation: Powering Future Industries

Wow, what an amazing week it was! From making your own key tag using Laser Tech, experimenting with AI and shadow puppets, building a satellite launching system, and racing solar cars, Science Week had activities for everyone! The staff started the week off in style, accessorising their work attire for the day with costumes representing technology through the decades.

On Thursday, our year 10 cohort participated in an exciting Activate Incursion led by Nicole Dyson, CEO and Founder of Future Anything. This experience was designed to support the students as they become entrepreneurs and work towards pitching their own innovative solution to a problem in the world today in our very own Cardijn Shark Tank in week 10.

On Friday, we finished the week making some yummy snacks using solar ovens (there wasn't a lot of sunshine so we had to pivot and use lamps instead). Finally, a huge congratulations to Ashden from 9 Lombard and Bylli from 10 Mackillop who took out prizes in our Science Week quizzes!



Sports Academy 2024 Trial Dates Announced

Applications are now open for 2024 Sports Academies, specialising in Basketball, Football, Netball and Soccer.

The Sports Academy curriculum aims to provide students with sport focused opportunities outside of traditional health and physical education classes, where they develop knowledge and understanding of all aspects of athletic development which contribute to sport performance.

Academy trials will be held during Weeks 7, 8 and 9 for students currently in Years 7-9 (Years 7-10 for netball only). Download the [trials schedule](#) for details.

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.cardijn.catholic.edu.au/academic/sports-academies>.

Marist Centre Students Create Lasting Memories on Camp

The students from the Marist Centre enjoyed their stay at Aldinga Holiday Park, embarking on a series of memorable activities. These included a thrilling adventure at Kuitpo Forest Tree Climb, leisurely bike rides along the Moana Esplanade, a delightful dinner at Aldinga Hotel, a fun evening of cooking our own meal, and an exciting bowling session.



Galilee Students Embrace Indonesian Martial Arts: Celebrating Culture and Tradition

At Galilee, our students were recently immersed in the world of Indonesian martial arts. This workshop was organised to mark Indonesian Independence Day, offering our students a unique window into the rich tapestry of Indonesian culture and traditions. Through this experience, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of Indonesia's heritage while celebrating the spirit of learning and cross-cultural exploration.

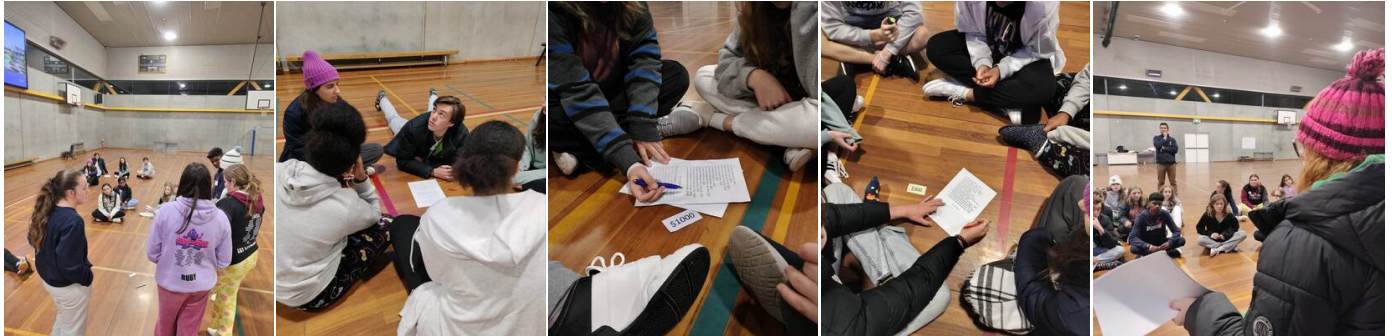


Students Engage in Vinnie's Winter Sleepout for a Cause

Last Friday, on the 18th of August, our students participated in our annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout. This event offers a profound opportunity for our students to gain insight into the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. Our students sleep in the school gym overnight with not much more than a sleeping bag and pillow, forgoing their everyday luxuries to better understand the hardships of this reality.

The evening commenced with a simple yet meaningful soup dinner. Our students then actively engaged in a range of activities, such as exploring information and statistics about homelessness in our local community.

This event, centred around empathy, education, and community, truly opened our eyes to the struggles faced by the homeless. As we continue this tradition, we remain dedicated to nurturing compassionate individuals who understand the significance of supporting those less fortunate in our society.



Steps to Success Students Prep for City to Bay Run



Our Steps to Success students are making great strides in their training for the upcoming City to Bay run. The students are aiming to raise as much money as possible in support of Australian Marist Solidarity, an organisation that partners with communities in the Asia-Pacific region to facilitate access to education for young people in need.

On 17 September, a group of over 40 students across Years 7 to 9, along with several staff from Galilee will be taking part in the City to Bay event.

For those interested in making a contribution, we've provided a link to the fundraising page: <https://citybay23.grassrootz.com/australian-marist-solidarity/cardijn-college-galilee>. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Growing Connections: National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last Friday we marked the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, our students gathered together to symbolise unity by decorating the 'Action Arch' with ribbons in our House colours. This act serves as a visual testament to our unwavering commitment to stand united against bullying and violence.

Research shows that strong school community connections and social skills help to prevent bullying and help enable positive behaviours in students. Together we can make a change.



Spotlight on Excellence: Marcellin Apprentice of the Year Winners Shine on Campus Wall

We're thrilled to share that our Marcellin Apprentice of the Year winners are now proudly showcased on our wall at Marcellin Campus. These photos capture the dedication, skill and success of these outstanding students and apprentices.



Exploring the Trades: Year 10 Students Step onto a Live Building Site for Real-world Insights

On Friday 12 of our Year 10 students were invited to attend a live building site. During the site tour our students spoke with commercial plumbers and electricians and experienced a day in the life of a real tradesperson.



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Important Reminder: Pupil-Free Day on 11 September Cancelled

Please be reminded that the previously scheduled pupil-free day on 11 September has been cancelled. The staff professional development that was initially planned for this day was conducted in June instead. Therefore, Monday 11 September will be a normal school day.

From the Principal

It was certainly good news this week to take occupancy of the new Automotive and Engineering Workshops at Marcellin. The \$6 million project will further resource the technical and trade training of the Marcellin students and apprentices. Like all new facilities there will be

some adjustments and teething issues but by and large it is a high quality, contemporary training facility which will serve the College well into the future.

This Saturday a number of our Galilee students celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 5.30pm Eucharist at Aldinga. We wish them every blessing as they celebrate this Catholic tradition with their families and thank our APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission), Kim Calderbank for her work and support in preparing the students.

Finally, one of the highlights of the school year tomorrow – the Book Week parade at Galilee! The students and staff are genuinely excited as to what costumes and characters will be revealed tomorrow. Pictures to follow next week.

Wishing the Cardijn community well as we move into spring, leaving winter behind and raising our spirits as the days become longer and warmer!

Steve Byrne

Principal

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