Mildura Senior College
Year 11 2016 – Term 4 Arrangements
Important Information for Parents and Students

Important Dates
Friday September 16 – Term 3 Ends 2:30pm.
Monday October 3 – Term 4 Starts 9:00am
Wednesday October 19 – Staff PD Day – no students required at school
Wednesday October 26 – Year 12 VCE Written Exams start
Tuesday November 1 – Melbourne Cup Day – No classes – Public Holiday
Friday November 4 – Last Day of Classes for Year 11 Students. **ALL work should be submitted by this date.**
Monday November 7 – Year 11 Exams commence
Monday November 14 – Last Day of Year 11 Exams
Tuesday November 15 – Head Start Day – Compulsory for all Year 12 2017 Students
Wednesday November 16 – Head Start Day – Compulsory for all Year 12 2017 Students
Thursday November 17 – Head Start Day – Compulsory for all Year 12 2017 students
Friday November 18 – Enrolment for Year 12, 2017 in Pathways Groups
9.00am to 10.30am – DAT, BKl, EHG, BPN, TBR, GST, GBL, KMR
11.00am to 12.30pm – MDV, TFL, SJQ, ILV, KMN, WYN, MMN, VVN, RMC
1.30pm to 3.00pm – RSN, SBY, BSM, TED, TRD, KDW, RWL
Monday November 21 – Student Interviews as required
Monday December 19 – College Office closed for the holidays

Eligibility for Enrolment in 2017:

**Students and parents are reminded that enrolment into Year 12 2017 is not an automatic process.**
Student must submit subject preference and attend an enrolment session. Moving in to Year 12 is not automatic, the college will consider:

- The number of units the student has passed in 2016,
- Any passes in VCE, VCAL or VET prior to 2016,
- The attendance record of the student,
- The behaviour record of the student,
- The recommendations of teachers as to whether the student is suited to a course of study in 2017,
- The pathway the student wishes to pursue.

**Students considering enrolment in Year 12 VCE** should have sufficient passes (at least 8 units) in Units 1 and 2 subjects to ensure that they can successfully complete their certificate in 2017. This eligibility must be confirmed at enrolment. **ALL Year 12 students MUST select FIVE (5) subjects for 2017.**
Prerequisites for University and TAFE courses need to be investigated **BEFORE** students finalise their subject selections and enrolment.

**Students considering Year 12 VCAL (VCAL Senior)** must have successfully completed Intermediate VCAL or the equivalent VCE Year 11 units (including a VET subject) otherwise the enrolment options will be reviewed.
Students who wish to sell textbooks

- Second Hand Books will be sold by the College on November 30th December 1 and 2.
- Students should take all books for sale to the Library by November 25th, along with their bank account details.

Head Start Program
The college will run a 3day Head Start program for students undertaking Year 12 studies in 2017. Attendance at these sessions is compulsory for all returning students, Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th November.

Year 12 End of Year Exams

- Year 11 students doing a Year 12 subject have received a copy of the end of year exam timetable and Exam Navigator.
- Students MUST ensure that they read the rules relating to exams carefully.
- Students must bring their VCAA number and MSC ID card to their Year 12 exam/s.
- Year 12 exams take priority – you must attend the Year 12 exam if there is a clash with your Year 11 exam
- Year 12 exams CANNOT be rescheduled

Performance and Oral Exams in some Year 12 subjects are conducted BEFORE October 26. These subjects are: Dance, Italian, Drama, Theatre Studies, VET Music and Music Solo Performance.

MSC Year 11 Exams

- All students will receive an exam timetable early in Term 4.
- Exams are compulsory for all Year 11 students studying any VCE Subjects.

Year 11 Students doing a Year 12 (Unit 3 and 4 Subject)

- Students completing a Year 12 subject are required to attend classes up to October 19, Term 4 AND after this date as stipulated by the teacher.
- Year 11 students studying a Year 12 subject can be excused from their Year 11 class to attend a revision session for their Year 12 class if both sessions are on at the same time
- Year 11 students are excused from classes on the day of their Year 12 exam if the exam is on prior to November 4.
- If a Year 11 student has their Year 12 exam on the same day as a Year 11 exam, the Year 12 exam takes precedence. Students can complete the Year 11 exam at another time.
- A copy of the Year 12 VCE exam timetable can be viewed at http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx

Home study and Revision:
All students are expected to undertake a structured and sustained revision program in the lead up to exams. Year 11 students should begin this process in the Term 3 holidays and by the start of Term 4, they should be undertaking up to 4 hours of revision per week for each subject (i.e. 4 hours x 6 subjects = 24 hours per week)

Other useful tips are:
- Studying the night before the exam is not effective. Study is a long-term process.
- Use your class time in the remaining weeks of school.
- The Library will be a quiet study area for all of Term 4.
- Students can form study groups to assist with their revision and preparation.
- Students should access teachers out of class time if they require extra assistance (e.g. Wednesday morning) Seek help from teachers if struggling with time management or developing a study plan.
Attendance:
- Attending ALL classes in the last few weeks before exams is critical.
- Students who choose to absent themselves from classes in the last few weeks of school are not maximising their chances of performing well on the end of year exams.
- Students may also jeopardise their enrolment if they choose not to attend classes in the last weeks of Term 4.
- Under no circumstances can students choose to withdraw a subject in the last few weeks of Semester 2 and not attend that subject.

Responsibility and Respect - Behaviour:
Students who choose to disrupt the learning of others in the time leading up to exams will face serious consequences. This may include not being allowed to sit exams or their Year 12 enrolment may not be considered favourably.

Reports:
- Unit 2 reports will be posted in December.
- There are no reports sent home for Unit 4 subjects in Term 4. Students will receive a VCAA Statement.
- Year 11 students will receive their final SLP in Term 4.

Lockers:
- All Year 11 students must empty their locker out by no later than Friday, November 18th.
- The College will not retain items left in lockers after this date. (This includes calculators, books, etc.)

BYOD and ICT information:
All students need to return loaned netbook to the Helpdesk by the end of exam period Nov 18th. Any students who will not be attending the college in 2017 who had a personal device configured for use at the college needs to take their device it to the Helpdesk to have MSC Software removed by the end of exam period Nov 18th, as per the signed user agreement.

Please ensure you transfer any files and documents stored on the MSC Servers or devices onto a USB or personal hard drive by the date as all personal college H drives are erased and reissued in 2017.

Library Books:
- All Library books must be returned no later than Friday, November 11th.
- Students who fail to return Library Books by this date will be invoiced for the replacement cost of the book/s.

Holiday Employment, Short Courses, Resumes and Students not returning for 2017
In your end of Term 3 mail out there is important information for students who are considering not returning in 2017. Students can make an appointment with Mr Nick Goodieson (Workplace Transition Co-ordinator) in the Careers Centre for assistance with resumes, applications for employment (includes apprenticeships, SBAT’s and traineeships) or course information for TAFE and other training programs. Students should also check noticeboards and the bulletin (Compass) regularly for employment opportunities and other important information.