Mildura Senior College
Year 12 2016 – Term 4 Arrangements
Important Information for Parents and Students

Important Dates
Friday September 17 – Term 3 Ends 2:30 pm. SLP 7 Posted.
Saturday September 24 and Sunday September 25 – Year 12 VCE Revision Lectures at La Trobe Mildura
Monday September 26 – Friday September 30 – MSC Library Open each day from 9:30am to 1:30pm
Monday October 3 – Term 4 Starts 9:00 am
Tuesday October 18 – Last day of Year 12 classes.
Wednesday October 19 – Staff PD Day/no students required at school (Year 12 Celebration day 7:00am to 9:30am)
Wednesday October 26 – Year 12 English Exam – 9:00am, MSC Gymnasium
Wednesday November 16 – Last day of VCE Written Exams
Thursday November 17– Year 12 Dinner (Club Da Vinci – see below for details)
Monday December 12 – Year 12 results released
Monday December 19 – College Office close for the holidays (last day of Term Tuesday December 20)

Students who wish to sell textbooks
- Second Hand Books will be sold by the College between November 30th and December 1st and 2nd.
  Full details will be made available during Term 4.
- Students should bring all books for sale to the Library by Friday November 25th along with their bank details.

End of Year Exams
- All Year 12 students have received a copy of the end of year exam timetable and exam booklet.
- Students MUST ensure that they read the rules relating to exams carefully. Students should refer to the Exam Navigator for this information.
- Students must bring their ID card and VCAA number to all their exams
- Any student who is unwell or has a personal circumstance that impacts on them during the exam period must read the conditions in their exam booklet and then contact the VCE Co-ordinator Mr Jim Blues as soon as possible.
- If you are ill on the day of an exam, you should sit the exam and then go through the process as shown above.

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

Students must check their individual exam timetables for their exact exam days and times.
This document has been given to students in Pathways classes.

Attendance:
- Attending ALL classes in the last few weeks before exams is critical.
- Students who absent themselves from classes can fail based solely on their lack of attendance.
**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 at our College or exclusion from end of year college events such as the Year 12 Dinner and Graduation.

**Revision Program:**
- The college will conduct a series of revision sessions for Year 12 students prior to and during the Yr. 12 exams
- Students are strongly advised to attend these sessions.
- Students will receive a timetable for these sessions early in Term 4.
- Completing old exam papers is often the best form of revision for students.
- Under no circumstances should these sessions be the ONLY revision that students undertake (see below)

**How much revision?**
- In the weeks prior to the Term 3 holidays, students should be undertaking up to 4 hours of revision per subject. (i.e. 5 subjects x 4 hours revision = 20 hours of revision per week).
- During the Term 3 holidays and during “swot vac”, the amount of revision should increase to 8 hours per day.
- Students must maintain a balance of study and leisure in the lead up to exams.
- Students will have access to Edrolo to support revision up until October 25.

**Other general study advice:**
- An effective Homestudy and revision program should start **NOW**, not during “swot vac”.
- Students are expected to effectively use their non-class time in the remaining weeks of school.
- The Library will be a quiet study area, not a social venue for the last part of Term 3 and all of Term 4.
- Students are expected to develop a study plan – seek help from teachers if struggling with time management.
- 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)

**Reports:**
- The final SPS for Year 12 students was posted on September 16.
- Students should read reports carefully and act on teacher suggestions in the remaining weeks.
- There are no Unit 4 school reports. Students receive a “Statement of Results” from VCAA in December.
**College Magazine**

- All students will receive a copy of the 2016 magazine at Graduation.

**Tickets for Graduation:**

- All Year 12 students (VCE and VCAL) who are eligible to graduate will receive a letter in the mail during Term 4 with **ALL** the details about the ceremony, including how to obtain tickets, starting time, etc.

**Celebration Day:**

- All Year 12 students will receive information regarding the format of Celebration Day in Pathways classes and at a Year 12 Assembly.
- Parents will receive information outlining the expectations of behaviour on and preceding Celebration Day. Under no circumstances will the college tolerate behaviour that potentially causes/does cause damage to persons, property or the reputation of this college.

**Lockers:**

- All Year 12 students must empty their locker out by no later than **FRIDAY OCTOBER 28**.
- The College will not retain items left in lockers after this date. This includes calculators and textbooks.
- Unclaimed items may be sold in the Book Sale

**Students are responsible for emptying their lockers by the date shown. A number of reminders will be given to students prior to this date.**

**Library Books:**

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

**Year 12 Dinner:**

- The Year 12 Dinner will be held at Club Da Vinci on **Thursday November 17**.
- Full details about cost, times and tickets will be available early in Term 4.
- Some students may be excluded from this function if their behaviour record is unsatisfactory.

**Student References:**

- All Year 12 students who request a college reference will receive this in their Graduation Package.
- If a student requires a reference before this date, please see your Sub School Leader.
CAREER INFORMATION

Change of Preference Advice and Pathways Advice:
VTAC CHANGE OF PREFERENCE period will take place between 9 am on 26th November until noon on 24th December. Please consult Pages 22-23 of the “ABC of Applying” about CHANGE OF PREFERENCES. If you have any questions about this process, please ring the school on 50212911 and make an appointment with Lavina Hamilton in the careers centre, if your ATAR is much lower than you expected. We can look at pathway courses you might add to your course preferences, so that you can still work towards getting into your preferred course.

In the User Account section of the VATC website you will be able to log on with your student number and 4 digit pin to access your course preferences and make any changes.

SATAC (South Australian) change of preference deadline for existing applicants for most courses to still be guaranteed equal consideration is Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Log in at SATAC at www.satac.edu.au and select Services for Current Applicants and select change of preferences. You can add, remove or alter the order of your preferences. You will need to have rung the universities to find out your adjusted score (after bonus points have been added to your Victorian aggregate and your ATAR has been recalculated for each South Australian University). You are also advised to ring Universities of December 16 to enquire about adjusted scores.

Lavina Hamilton will be available from December 12th to the 20th December to assist students with Career or Tertiary Advice. Pathways through direct entry into Sunraysia Institute of TAFE or other Victorian/South Australian TAFE Colleges can be considered if your ATAR score is not high enough to get you into a tertiary course. However, you will need to go to the VTAC website and do a Course search to check what EXTRA REQUIREMENTS are needed before adding any new courses.

Remember to check at the Careers room and University websites, and the Term three Year 12 Pathways booklet, for information about scholarships and accommodation. Some scholarships do not open until late in November, December and January, so keep checking websites between November and January.

Please see Lavina Hamilton if you have any queries regarding Tertiary Advice or Career information.

The careers centre is open Monday – Friday from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

STUDENTS SEEKING NON TERTIARY OPTIONS
Nick Goodieson (School to Work Co-ordinator), is available to assist students with resumes, applying for jobs, apprenticeships and traineeships or course information for TAFE and other training programs up until the 20th of December.