



MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE
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Mildura Senior College

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Newsletter 1

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NEWS FOR PARENTS

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

ANDREW OUGH

Welcome to 2015

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2015. As we have approximately 550 new enrolments many parents may not be aware that this Newsletter is published and distributed by mail at least twice per term. We mail all Newsletters to ensure parents receive them. Please inform the office if your address changes.

This year will also be an exciting year for the following reasons:

- We will continue to grow access and subject range at the Mildura Region Trade Training Centre; Deakin site, which is located at Mildura Senior College. This will give students from our school and across the district access to, 'state of the art' trades training facility as part of their school program.
- We will be continuing our focus on staff and leadership development to ensure students continue to have access to high quality teaching & learning.
- We will be continuing a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) program so that students and families will have a level of choice when it comes to electronic devices to assist student learning. This will be supplemented by an extensive level of ICT resource throughout the College and a new web-based intranet system called **Compass**.
- All areas of student support will have an increase in resourcing ensure students are monitored and supported along their learning journey and given every opportunity to succeed.

Staffing for 2015

The following is a list of staff with key positions of responsibility in the College. Parents may find this list useful in contacting the College:

Principal

Andrew Ough

Assistant Principals

Mark Tracy

Belinda Hudak

Business Manager

Yvonne Parker

Transition & Pathways Coordinator

Tracy Marr

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Marg Wilson

Curriculum & Learning Coordinator

Deanne Marr

Student Coordinators

Barb Kelly

Joanna Panagiotaros

Ineke Rogers

Jim Blue

Reg Byrne

Coordinator of Learning Technologies

Graeme Smyth

VCAL Coordinator

Kelly Morrison

VET/School to Work Coordinator

Linda Snoxall

Careers & Tertiary Advisor

Lavina Hamilton

Student Activities Coordinator

Tania Edgar

Sport Coordinator

Emma Broadbent

Additions to our staff in 2015 at this stage include:

<i>Stacey Jacques</i>	<i>English/ VCAL Literacy</i>
<i>Samantha Riley</i>	<i>Drama /Theatre Studies/ Dance</i>
<i>Darren Atkinson</i>	<i>VET Building & Construction</i>
<i>Tom Hart</i>	<i>Psychology/ Health & Human Development</i>
<i>Tim Rix</i>	<i>Mathematics/ VCAL Numeracy</i>
<i>Kathryn Dawe</i>	<i>VCAL Personal Development / Work Related</i>
<i>Allison Day</i>	<i>English/ VCAL Literacy</i>
<i>Emma Astil</i>	<i>Arts</i>
<i>Robyn Curran</i>	<i>Mathematics/ VCAL Numeracy</i>
<i>Claire Collihole</i>	<i>Office Administration Trainee</i>
<i>Trent Branson</i>	<i>IT Trainee</i>
<i>Lisa Morvell</i>	<i>Canteen Assistant</i>
<i>Sarah Jones</i>	<i>Hospitality Assistant</i>
<i>Sonia Murray</i>	<i>Canteen Assistant</i>

Start of the School Year

It is very important that students get off to a smooth start to the year. Research confirms that students who feel connected and at ease with their environment will have a better opportunity for success. Teachers have been asked to place particular emphasis on establishing strong working relationships within classrooms early in the year. This is one of the reasons we have made the decision to start the Year 11 students one day earlier than our Year 12s.

A number of important events such as our Student Council Leadership Camp and our Commencement of the Academic Year Ceremony are soon to occur. All these events establish our expectations for the year with students and build positive relationships. (See the Calendar for specific dates).

Student Leaders for 2015

We would like to congratulate our nominated and elected student leaders for 2015. We place a great emphasis on student leadership within the College, and with what I have witnessed so far we have an outstanding group of young adults this year to provide that leadership.

College Captains for 2015

Tiana Sylvia and Patrick McMahon

Deputy Captains for 2015

Vera Cheffers and Austen Keating

College Council Elections

Please find attached to this Newsletter, details of the election of Parent Representatives for the next two school years.

Student Injury Personal Accident Protection

Parents should be aware that the College does not provide comprehensive insurance cover for students. Parents requiring information about student insurance regarding accidents or personal items bought to school are advised to contact an insurance retailer.

I look forward to working with you towards a successful 2015. Please don't hesitate to contact me at the College if I can assist in any way.

**Andrew Ough
Principal**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Belinda Hudak

Student Pathways, Transition and Well-Being

A warm welcome to all students and parents, in particular the more than 550 students and their families who are new to our learning community.

As a quick reference guide, parents and students are reminded that the following points will ensure a smooth start for students in 2013:

- The College has a minimum attendance requirement of 90% for all classes, including Pathways. Rolls are marked each lesson and parents will receive an SMS notifying them of an unexplained absence
- Students must bring correct materials to all classes – this includes appropriate footwear for practical classes
- Students should not access their lockers between classes – this is disruptive and wastes time
- The College has very high expectations of student behavior – first impressions count!
- Mobile phones are permitted at the College, but as a courtesy, these must be turned off and be out of sight during class time
- Access to local shops during the school is permitted at lunch and recess only, student are not permitted to stay at the shop after their purchases
- Smoking is not permitted on College grounds or in the vicinity of the College

Parents - if you have not already done so, please supply the College with a current email address and mobile phone number, always keep this updated.

BYOD

Students who bring their own ICT device will have the opportunity to do so during a scheduled rollout in the first week and a half. Students can see the help desk for support and set up.

Students can print a new Timetable from the College Intranet from any computer at any time.

Student Support

The Student Services Centre is a great place for students to get help and assistance, Student Coordinators, Pathways and Transition Coordinator and the Attendance Officer can all be found there.

We will continue our partnership with Tristar Medical Group this year and appointments can be made through the Wellbeing Team for the GP and Mental Health Nurse.

Hope you all have a great start to the year.

Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal

MARK TRACY

I would like to welcome all new students to our College, and I wish everyone all the best with their studies. I am confident that you will adapt to the new routine/s at our College. Your time here is a great opportunity to prepare yourself for life beyond secondary schooling.

To those students who are returning, build on your progress from last year and make the most of the opportunities that Year 12 provides. Time passes very quickly at this school and students must ensure that they are up to date at all times.

We have very high expectations of our students and these will be outlined in coming newsletters and at assemblies.

Key Dates: (These will also be available on the College Website)

February 9 – College Council Meeting

February 10 – School Photos

February 12 – Commencement Ceremony

February 16 – Parent/Student/Teacher (PST) Conferences 5pm to 8pm

February 17 and 18 – SRC Camp

2015 Daily Start and Finish Times

Day	Classes Start	Classes Finish
Monday	9am	3.10pm
Tuesday	9am	3.10pm
Wednesday	10.55am	3.25pm
Thursday	9am	3.25pm
Friday	9am	3.10pm

Tips for Success

Students can ensure a smooth start to the year by following these tips:

Enter all due dates/important dates on a calendar
Familiarize yourself with the rules as quickly as possible
Arrive punctually to class with the correct materials
Settle into a routine of homework, revision and study as soon as possible
Keep up to date with all classwork
Hand work in on time
Ask for help
Attend PST on February 16.

Reports

Parents will receive information about our reporting system very soon. It is likely that our college reporting system will differ from your last school. Parents will receive regular updates (every 3 weeks) on Student Progress via the mail and through our Parent Portal, as well as contact details for class teachers, Pathways Teachers and Student Co-ordinators if there are any concerns.

Parent Portal

In the near future, parents will receive information regarding access to and use of our Parent Portal. This portal will provide parents with access to a range of information, including student attendance information, timetables and reports.

Mark Tracy Assistant Principal

STUDENT SPECIAL PROVISION

Any student who's learning and assessment programs are affected by illness, impairment or personal circumstances may be eligible for Special Provision in 2015.

Special Provision is available for both Year 11 and 12 students. Please contact Tracy Marr asap if you think you may be eligible for Special Provision.

**Tracy Marr
Pathways and Transition Coordinator**

WELLBEING TEAM

Welcome to 2015 from the Wellbeing Team at Mildura Senior College.

Our staff that are part of the Wellbeing team are:

Marg Wilson	Student Wellbeing Co-Ordinator	wilsonm@milsen.vic.edu.au
Roz Devilee	School Nurse (Available Mondays/Tuesdays)	devilee@milsen.vic.edu.au
Martha Maiorana	Youth Worker	maioranam@milsen.vic.edu.au

Please contact us at the College on 03 5021 2911 or on the above emails if you have any concerns or information for us about your son/daughter.

KOORIE GIRLS ACADEMY/CLONTARF FOUNDATION



The Koorie Girls Academy and the Clontarf Foundation would like to welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, parents and carers to Mildura Senior College.

We look forward to supporting the students in achieving their dreams. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the following

Fiona Moncur, Coordinator	Koorie Girl's Academy	0459 802 942
Mick James, Director	Clontarf Foundation	0417 922 788

Year 12 Rugby Jumpers

www.sportzprint.com.au
29-31 Seventh St East, Mildura, Vic 3500
03 5021 3044



Year 12 students have the opportunity to purchase a Year 12 Rugby Jumper. The orders are made through Sportzprint. We do recommend that the students go down to Sportzprint to try on the garments before making the order, as once embroidered, returns cannot be accepted.

If they can't make it down to Sportzprint to try on, they can order online up until the cut off date. There is a measurement chart provided, but we can take no responsibility if the wrong size is ordered.

The closing date for these is **12th February**. The students need to have their order in and paid for by this date. There will be no orders accepted after this date. We are only doing the one and only order.

Orders will then take approx. 6-8 weeks for delivery. There are to be no orders done through the College, please make your orders through Sportzprint directly.

Tom Allford

Tom Allford, a current student at the College was attending the Subaru Track National Championships in Melbourne last week and received Gold in the U19 Mens Team Pursuit Final. Tom has worked extremely hard and wasn't home for most of the holidays. What a great start to 2015.

Well done Tom!!



Tom Allford, far right



Mildura Senior College Council

Notice of Election

(And call for nominations – Date: 06/02/15)

Our College Council has a total of fifteen (15) members:

- Six (6) elected parents
- Four (4) co-opted community members
- Four (4) DEECD employees (teachers), and
- The Principal

This year the following councillors will have completed their respective terms in office:

*Parent Members: Jillian Gardner
Rod Matheson
Tara Williams*

The membership categories and number of positions available for election are as follows:

- **Parent Members** Three (2 years)

Nomination forms can now be obtained from the college and must be lodged by
4.00pm on Friday 27th February 2015.

**If an election is to be conducted for membership vacancies the ballot will occur, closing by;
Wednesday 11th March 2015**

Following the close of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the college. If an election is necessary, ballot papers will be sent out by mail.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies a note to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted.

The poll will be declared on Friday March 13th, 2015.

Andrew Ough
Executive Officer