

# PRINCIPALS REPORT

## College Captains 2016

We have recently completed the election of our College Captains for 2016. These students were nominated by their peers following which they submitted a written application to a panel which interviewed the students.

At the completion of interviews the recommended students went into an election involving all students. I am pleased to announce that the College Captains elect of Mildura Senior College in 2016 are as follows:

### College Captains

Daniel Williams and Madeline Hogan

### Vice Captains

Connor Turlan and Sophie Chislett

All four captains, along with our Student Representative Council, will be formally inducted at our Commencement Ceremony early in 2016.

## Completion of the Year 12 Academic year – Celebration Day

Every year we have very high expectations for our Year 12 students with regard to their behaviour and application to their studies, particularly as classes come to an end. Classes ran uninterrupted right up until the very last session on the last day of classes for all Year 12s which was Tuesday 20th October. Many students came to the school on the Wednesday to participate in the activities, assembly and brunch. I am pleased to report that as per this expectation they conducted themselves in a very mature manner. The whole program was extremely positive and

continued to build on the strong relationships the year 12 students have with their teachers and school.

## Final Year 12 Exams

By now Year 12 VCE Exams are well and truly underway and I would like to wish all students well for the next stage of their lives beyond Year 12. Many campaigns have sprung up recently targeting those students completing Year 12 and in particular VCE Examinations, in particular the message is; "you are not defined by a score you achieve in an exam". An ATAR score is clearly one pathway to further study but more frequently Universities and other Tertiary institutions are looking for alternate pathways to ensure those who are capable and motivated have other opportunities to access courses – even if the ATAR they get is not as high as they would have preferred.

I look forward to seeing the results of the efforts of our Year 12s and celebrating their success at the Year 12 Dinner and Graduation.

**Andrew Ough**  
*Principal*

## KEY DATES

<b>Nov 6</b>	Year 11 classes end 3.10pm All lockers emptied All Library books to be returned
<b>Nov 9</b>	Year 11 exams commence College Council
<b>Nov 17</b>	Last day Year 11 exams
<b>Nov 18</b>	Last day Year 12 exams
<b>Nov 18-20</b>	Year 12 2016 Head Start Days (compulsory)
<b>Nov 19</b>	Last day to return MSC netbooks and have DEECD software removed from all student device Year 12 Dinner - Club Da Vinci
<b>Nov 23-25</b>	Year 11 2016 Enrolments (3.30pm to 6.30pm)
<b>Nov 24-25</b>	Year 12 2016 Enrolments Refer to Transition Information on page 2
<b>Dec 2-3</b>	Collect and pay for second hand books
<b>Dec 4</b>	2nd Hand books Fire Sale
<b>Dec 7</b>	College Council
<b>Dec 16</b>	Year 12 Graduation - St Joseph Stadium
<b>Dec 18</b>	Last day of Term 4; Semester report for Year 11 students posted home
<b>Jan 21-22</b>	Fee payment and collection of new books
<b>Jan 29</b>	Year 11 classes commence
<b>Feb 1</b>	Year 12 classes commence



# Assistant Principal's Report

## Year 12 Dinner

The Year 12 Dinner is being held at Club Di Vinci on Thursday 19th of November. Tickets can be picked up from the Front Office no later than November 13th. The cost of the Dinner is included in Year 12 student's Enrolment Pack.

## Graduation

Graduation and celebration of our students' academic achievements is our favourite event of the year. Graduates and their families will receive an invitation and tickets via the post in early December.

The Graduation Ceremony commences promptly at 7pm on the 16th December at the St Joseph's Stadium Riverside Avenue. Graduating students and award winners are to arrive by 6:15pm.

Year 11 Students who are the highest achieving student in a Year 12 Study will also be invited via phone from the 14th December.

## Transition Information

Current Year 11 students should have selected their preliminary choices for 2016. All students are required to attend to confirm their enrolment for 2016.

Any students not returning in 2016 must also attend to complete their exit interview.

Enrolment sessions for current students will occur on

### Tuesday 24th November

9.30 – 11.30am Students in PATHWAYS groups NHY, TED, EBB, WYN, RDV, JWR

12.30 – 2.30pm Students in PATHWAYS groups CIR, MAL, FMN, DHC, SGL, NCH, GSM

### Wednesday 25th November

9.30 – 11.30am Students in PATHWAYS groups THR, ABN, LLN, SBY, GBT, TRX

12.30 – 2.30pm Students in PATHWAYS groups RWS, TSC, TPN, KDW, SRL, MMN

Parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

## Headstart Days

Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November 2015.

All Year 12 students for 2016 are required to attend on these days, as teachers will begin work for Unit 3.

Teachers will also be giving out important work to be completed by the start of the following year.

Attendance is compulsory.

## Student Services Centre

Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Student Coordinators, Attendance Officer and Transition & Pathways Coordinator. If students have questions about their program or completing their Certificate, attendance queries, or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice.

## Student Safety

Students who drive to school are reminded they should register their cars at the Front Office by filling out a Student Driver Form. Student drivers are also reminded that transporting other students in their vehicles is not permitted.

## Student Coordinators

To speak with a student's Coordinator, please call the College and press the number for your student's Coordinator.



Reg Byrne



Joanna Panagiotaros



Jim Blue



Ineke Rogers



Barb Kelly

## Parent Portal on the College Website

The Parental Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded they can access the following information;

- Student Timetable
- Attendance Data
- Student Calendar
- Parent Messages
- Ability to book for Parent/Teacher Interview evenings (3-Way Conferences)

## Special Provision for Examinations

Students with exceptional personal circumstances or illness during their exams are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision. Students must see their Student Coordinator or Marg Wilson for assistance and further information. We recommend that all students sit their examinations and if unwell visit the Doctor the same day. Year 12 Examinations cannot be rescheduled.

## Student Activities and Events

Congratulations to the students in the Mildura District Stage Band who performed at the Pink Ball. Audiences were very impressed with their talent and quality.

Many students have already completed Year 12 Performance and Oral exams in Music, Drama, and Languages. We wish all students all the best with their upcoming written exams.

### *Belinda Hudak*

*Assistant Principal*

## Student Assessment

All students have received an electronic copy of their final SLP. Parents can view this via the portal.

Year 12 students finished classes on Tuesday October 20, and Year 11 students finish on Friday November 6th. All students should have completed all their work by these dates. We have deadlines to meet with the transmission of results to Melbourne, so students must stick to these dates. Students are reminded that a pass or fail is determined by:

- The completion of the set work on the date and in the required manner (includes SAC's)
- Meeting the college attendance requirements
- Following VCAA rules (e.g. no plagiarism)
- Following other MSC rules, such as the behaviour record of the student and the number of units passed.

As noted in the mail out at the end of Term 3, progression from Year 11 to Year 12 is NOT an automatic process. Students who do not satisfy the above criteria are jeopardising their chances of promotion.

Semester reports for Year 11 will be mailed out on December 18th. Please note that Year 12 students do not receive end of semester reports from MSC – they receive a statement of results from VCAA.

## Staff PD Day – October 21

Staff used this day to undertake preparation for Year 11 exams, Year 11 Orientation, Year 12 Head Start and Course writing for 2016. November is a very busy month at the College, especially in the area of assessment and transition.

## Exams

Year 12 exams are well under way. Year 11 students have received a copy of their exam timetable. Year 11 students who do a Year 12 subject are reminded that if they have a clash with a Year 11 and a Year 12 exam, the Year 12 exam takes priority. The Year 11 exam can be completed at another time. Year 11 exams commence on November 10th and are compulsory.

## Environment

We are close to completing our new maintenance sheds which are located near MELC. Planning is underway for the removal of the old sheds and the provision of parking.

A master plan for the refurbishment of the current enclosed car park area is being developed. We anticipate these works will occur during next year.

## Major Events and Key Dates

With major events such as Exams, Enrolments, 2nd Hand Book Sale, Head Start, The Year 12 Dinner and Graduation coming up, it is important that all students and parents have retained the document mailed out at the end of last term. Please contact the College or go to [www.milsen.vic.edu.au](http://www.milsen.vic.edu.au) to check "Key Dates" if unsure.

## Revision Lectures to prepare for Year 12 2016

A number of commercial organisations run these lectures during January to help students prepare for their Year 12 studies. We have had students attend lectures run by Access Education and The school for Excellence in recent years. Parents are encouraged to "google" these (and other organisations) if they are considering having their child attend these types of lectures.

### Mark Tracy

Assistant Principal

## College Captains and SRC for 2016

**College Captains** Madeline Hogan  
Daniel Williams

**College Vice Captains** Sophie Chislett  
Connor Turlan

**SRC Members 2016**

Sophie Crouch	Maya Hodge
Zach Smith	Jessica Penna
Sam Cross	Lewis Cross
Cassidy Mahoney	Hannah Bradshaw
Indi Wilkie	Madelyn Leeson
Carina Mammone	Ally Strong

# Students who are considering leaving school?

If you are considering leaving school you must have a formal Exit Interview and a pathway option such as employment or an alternative training option.

For students considering leaving school, the College will be running transition session during Pathways, where students can speak to SMGT, SuniTAFE and complete transition from school plans.

Students must provide the school with a copy of an employment letter or enrolment confirmation at the exit interview.

Exit interviews will occur during the Enrolment sessions in November. Parents/Carers are encouraged to attend.

**Please refer to enrolment session times in this Newsletter.**

If you plan to leave the College prior to this, please contact your Student Coordinator on 03 5021 2911.

Under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 schooling is compulsory for students aged from 6 until they turn 17. Students of compulsory age are only permitted to leave school if an exemption is in place. Exemptions are only available in certain circumstances.

Ministerial Order 705 allows exemptions in certain circumstances where a child will be engaged in at least 25 hours of approved education, training or employment.

Ministerial Order 715 allows exemptions in certain circumstances where leaving school is in the child's best interests.

Please refer to the Exemption section in the School Policy and Advisory Guide for further information on the appropriate process for applying for exemption: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/participation/Pages/attendanceexemption.aspx>  
The Victorian Government compulsory school age is 17.

The agreed participation requirement includes:

A mandatory requirement for all young people to participate in schooling (meaning in school or an approved equivalent) until they complete Year 10; and

A mandatory requirement for all young people that have completed Year 10, to participate full-time (defined as at least 25 hours per week) in education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities, until age 17.

What is the participation requirement?

Until the age of 17 students must be for a minimum of 25 hours per week:

in school, or registered for home schooling, OR  
in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), OR  
in full-time paid employment, OR  
in a combination of 1, 2 and/or 3

For careers and pathways counselling students can make individual appointments with Lavina Hamilton – Careers Advisor, or see their Pathways teacher. For further information please contact the College.





# Careers Centre

## Change Of Preference

Students can change their University preferences in VTAC from November 23rd (10am) to December 21st (12 Noon). If you would like to discuss any changes or how it all works you are welcome to come in and see the Careers Advisor at any time (an appointment is preferred).

## 2015 Vce Results and Atar Service

The VCAA and VTAC offer three options for accessing VCE results and the ATAR: Internet, SMS and mail.

VCE results and ATARs are available from the 2015 VCE Results and ATAR Service from 7.00 am Monday 14 December.

Only 2015 results are recorded on this service.

You will need your VCAA student number and your results service PIN. Both the VCAA and VTAC encourage you to change your default PIN, which is the first four digits of your birthdate (for example, 17 July = 1707), to ensure you select a result service PIN that will enable the security of your result data.

If you have registered with VTAC, please note that your VTAC ID and PIN are separate from your results service PIN. Only your VCAA student number and results service PIN can be used to access the 2015 VCE Results and ATAR Service.

## Internet

[resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](http://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)

The internet service is free and available 24 hours a day from 7.00 am Monday 14 December until 5.00 pm Friday 18 December.

## SMS

19 787 888 SMS cost \$1.10 max. (incl. GST)

To register to receive your results and ATAR by SMS, send a text message as follows:

student number – eight digits only, not the letter space

PIN (four digits)

send to 19 787 888.

Salamat – SMS cost \$1.10 max. (incl. GST). Obtain bill payer's permission before using this service. Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration.

You can register between 9.00 am Monday 9 November and midnight Sunday 13 December.

Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7.00 am Monday 14 December. SMS access is available until 5.00 pm Friday 18 December.

SMS results are reported by using the first two alpha characters and numbers of the study. For example, Further Mathematics is represented by MA07, Mathematical Methods by MA11 and Specialist Mathematics by MA09.

Students should be aware that scored VCE VET studies (such as VCE VET Business and VCE VET Hospitality) only have two graded assessments – one school-based and one exam.

To find out more about VCE examination results, a statement of marks can be obtained. Further information is available on the VCAA website: [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)

## Mail

VCE and VCAL results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Tuesday 15 December. Printed ATAR statements are only mailed to VTAC applicants who have submitted and paid for a course application. Students who have not applied for courses can request an ATAR statement from the VTAC website: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). Administrative fees apply.

VCE and VCAL certificates are distributed by schools and colleges, rather than mailed with the results.

## Post Results And Atar Service (Pras)

The Post Results and ATAR Service blog contains detailed information from the VCAA and VTAC about student results and ATAR, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

If you have further questions after receiving your results and ATAR, contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) by phone or email.

7.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday 14 December

9.00 am – 5.00 pm Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December (03) 9032 1717 (metropolitan callers)

1800 653 080 (freecall)

[pras@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pras@edumail.vic.gov.au)

<http://resultsandatar.wordpress.com/>

You cannot access results through PRAS.

## Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Students who are intending to apply for an Apprenticeship or Traineeship for next year should be making applications NOW. They should check job vacancies and register with local agencies (like Murray Mallee Group Training contact Sally Shelly on 5022 9420 or 0448 541 014 AND/OR MAS National (was AusNac) – Breece Stephens on 0427 503 805) as soon as possible. Each week job vacancies are placed on the school COMPASS notices, so students should be regularly checking. There certainly will be a rush on jobs and apprenticeships before Christmas and early in the New Year.



## Scholarships – Other Scholarships Not Through Vtac

Mildura Senior College has placed a scholarship database on the student G: Drive in the Careers Folder and then Scholarship sub-folder. It is called 2015 Scholarship Update. The file contains a lot of different types of scholarships that are available.

The VTAC Guide 2016 has web addresses and email addresses of all Victorian Tertiary Institutions where you can find scholarships to match your course of study. See pages 61-62 in the course guide.

You can also do a scholarship search by using the Hobsons course finder website At [www.hobsoncoursefinder.com.au](http://www.hobsoncoursefinder.com.au) - select scholarships. Search by level of study keyword, state etc.

For individual institution Scholarships the students need to go online to each university website or consult their undergraduate course guide for 2016. (See above) There are all kinds of institutional scholarships to assist rural students and to promote access. There are also faculty scholarships promoting various careers where there is a skill shortage. Eg. Engineering So read the scholarships section of each institution that you are applying for, and give the institution a call if you need more information.



## Chances for Children Tertiary Scholarships

Students who will need financial assistance to meet the cost of going away, can apply to Chances for Children to be assessed for a scholarship. In Sept/October a scholarship round will open. Go to [www.chancesforchildren.com.au](http://www.chancesforchildren.com.au) and print off an application form. Parents will need to fill in a FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET for the year's expenses. Contact Lavina Hamilton to get a copy of the budget page. The application requires a REFERRING PROFESSIONAL to fill in certain pages and to sign off on others. Marg Wilson Well Being Co-ordinator, and Lavina Hamilton Careers and Tertiary Advice Advisor, can be contacted to support the application process.



## Centrelink Administered Scholarships:

If you are planning to apply for Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy, you need to lodge a claim as soon as you complete your Year 12 Exams. You can lodge claims 13 weeks before you start studying. It

takes a minimum of 21 days to process claims. Payment of Youth Allowance in 2016 will usually be assessed on parent's income for the 2014/2015 financial year. There is an additional income test if your parents/guardians are self employed. All claims are started online. You can log on and register yourself at <http://my.gov.au>. You can link a Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support online account. Follow the instructions at [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) to link your accounts to myGov.



**Student Start-Up Scholarship** – for all full-time students receiving student income support (Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY) who are starting a higher education course – you are entitled to \$2,050 paid in two half yearly instalments in 2015.

**Relocation Scholarships** – For rural students who are receiving Youth Allowance etc. and have to move away from home to attend higher education, \$4,269 in the first year and \$2,135 in the following two years, and \$1,067 for a following years.

### Private Colleges Australia

Private Colleges Australia [www.privatecollegesaustralia.com](http://www.privatecollegesaustralia.com) is a new website aiming to keep an up-to-date and comprehensive listing of all private colleges of tertiary education in Australia. This website is totally free to access. Colleges are listed by State in both A-Z and type of course format making it easy to compare all colleges with similar courses.

**Larisha Rowney (Acting for Lavina Hamilton)**  
Career and Tertiary Advice Co-ordinator

### Important information for families using the School Bus Program

The School Bus Program (SBP) assists families in rural and regional Victoria by transporting students to and from schools and is jointly administered by the Department of Education (DET) and Public Transport Victoria (PTV). To be eligible for this service, students must meet certain criteria. An information pack has recently gone out to all families that we believe may be affected by changes to this service for 2016. If your child will be using either the Nangiloc, Colignan or Carwarp bus service in 2016, please let us know if you have not yet received an information pack. It is important that any families using one of these services in 2016 have provided us with an updated application form and are aware of the changes that will be implemented at the beginning of 2016. Students who have not returned an updated application form for 2016 or received confirmation that they are eligible for travel, will not be able to use this service in 2016 so please ensure that you have familiarized yourself with your responsibilities as set out in the information pack.

More information can also be found at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/schooltravel.aspx?Redirect=1#link16>

# Sports Report

## Athletics

### Aero Ovals

On the 7th September, we had 20 students compete in the Interscholar Athletics at the Aero Ovals.

Overall we won the Senior Shield and we had 4 Age Champions, with several other individual winners.

Highlights were:

Erika Florez	Under 17 Girls Champion – record in the 200m.
Brodie Jackson	Under 17 Boys Champion
Taylor Hand	Under 20 Girls Champion – records in the 200m and 400m.
Tyler Beruldsen	Boys Under 20 Champion.
Mebal Kadian	record in the Girls Under 17 Discus.

3 Year 12 VCAL girls officiated at a long jump pit all day (and did a great job) – Shani Lloyd, Shynae Carney and Thailah Nienaber. They were a great help on the day.

### Bendigo

On the 8th October we had 13 students compete in Athletics at Bendigo.

Our group were fantastic, all getting on the bus at 4.30am and they competed and behaved really well. Nine students won on the day and qualified for the state finals. We had a photo finish, where our team on the inside won by a thousandth of a second.

### Melbourne

On the 21st October, we had 8 students compete in Melbourne at the State Titles. The students were extremely well behaved and endured a long day, representing themselves and our College positively.

Results were

Brodie Jackson	2nd in long jump (6.26m)
Luisa Felise	2nd in shot put (11.78m)
Mebal Kadian	2nd in discus (34.07m)
Taylor Hand	3rd in 100m (13.03sec) and 200m (26.68sec), 4th in 400m (70.08sec)

Erika Florez 3rd in 400m (61.47 sec), 4th in triple jump (9.75m), 5th in 200m (27.7sec) and long jump (4.31 m)

Boys 17 relay team of Wayne Pajares, Kurt Kerr, Kelly Rayner and Brodie Jackson – 4th (46.08sec).

Overall, great results and were up against top athletes from all over the State. Well done to these students who participated in these events.

**Tim Rix**  
Coach

### Girls Cricket

In the three days before we were due to leave, we had three of our cricket girls pull out. It makes it tough to play all your lead up games in Term 1 then the final in Term 4. So we had to recruit some newbies to the team. Taking to the class lists of PE and Outdoor Ed and previous sport lists like Athletics and Hockey we scouted for names. Jade Chapman and Miki Hamabe (our Japanese exchange student) to the rescue.

We welcomed Jade and were ready to give Miki all the vital knowledge required about cricket. We arrived in Melbourne on schedule.

We were the second team to arrive because we know it's much easier to arrive on time from Mildura than anywhere in

Melbourne. Our first game was against Balwyn who arrived late but no penalty needed. Makinley won the toss and elected to bat. A four off the first ball pretty much set the pace of her innings. The game plan was to bat with Sophie Crouch and hog the strike. Sophie ran about 40 runs for the day but only one was hers. Facing the last ball or two of most of the overs she was batting to get Makinley back on strike.

Game 1 MILDURA 133 def BALWYN 98

BATTING Makinley Blows 76 and Sheree Moore hitting a great 10 not out.

BOWLING Kate Leersen 3/12, Mebal Kadian 2/18, Allegra Bottrell-Thorburn, Sheree Moore, Lorianne Lowerson and Makinley Blows all taking one each.

Game two was against Hallam who had made the state final 6 years in a row. We won the toss and we batted again. The first over we made 3 and after 6 overs we had already made last year's score!! When the teams score was 90, Makinley's score was 75. Our bowlers and fielding really backed this up and never backed down on intensity. Lorianne Lowerson did a great job of keeping and we held on to all but 2 of our catches for the day.

Game 2 MILDURA 135 def HALLAM 53

BATTING Makinley Blows 111, Lorianne Lowerson 7

BOWLING Kate Leersen 2/7, Sheree Moore and Allegra Bottrell-Thorburn 1 each.....Makinley Blows 6/1

This girl is AMAZING. The umpire told her she may as well umpire at the same time and he was going home because it was obvious there was nothing she could not do. Not only does she have amazing talent but she has the temperament and attitude to go with it. We played with a 'mens cricket' boundary and two of Makinley's sixes were in the car park and in the tree above where we were scoring.

All members of the team were fantastic. We all knew no one could match the hitting power of Makinley and their job was singles if they were facing the first 4 balls otherwise protect your wicket and get her back on strike. It also involved a lot of running and listening. (Our only rule was don't run Makinley out as what has happened in previous games). Everyone that batted made at least one run (even Miki who decided she really liked cricket and will probably be the only person in Japan with a cricket medal) and the bowling attack from both opposition teams was of extremely high quality. Well done to the girls, it was a great day and they represented the College at a high standard.

The team was

- Makinley Blows Allegra Bottrell-Thorburn
- Jade Chapman Sophie Crouch
- Sarah Fox Miki Hamabe
- Mebal Kadian Kate Leersen
- Lorianne Lowerson Sheree Moore
- Shania Poole Jemima Underwood
- Megan Allan (scorer & bus driver)

**Deanne Marr**  
Coach



## VCE/VET Fashion Parade

The combined St Joseph's College/Mildura Senior College VCE/VET Fashion Parade was held at the Holland Room in the St Joseph's Stadium on Thursday 15th October. It was a lovely event with the 14 designers & models in attendance conducting themselves very well on and off the catwalk.

It is a rewarding end to the year for the designers to be able to show their friends, family and teachers the beautiful garments they have been working so hard on all year. The new venue was well received and showcased the garments effectively in the more intimate setting.

The award this year is a week's exhibition of the winning garment (one from MSC and one from St Jo's) at the Art Vault in November (date TBA). Highly commended was Nikki Fox for her gorgeous 'Great Gatsby' inspired gown and headpiece, with the winner being Nicole Roberts with her anime/Harajuku inspired 3-piece outfit.

## Clontarf Bark canoe revives customary knowledge



Mildura Clontarf Academy students recently participated in the cutting of a bark canoe from a red gum tree in recognition of Aboriginal customary fishing practices.

The project was led by Fisheries Victoria Aboriginal Project Officer Michael Gilby in partnership with Traditional Owners and has helped to revive customary knowledge and pass it down between generations.

Working with Elders and tree experts, the boys learned to cut and cure the bark to shape the canoe, which is traditionally a men's cultural practice. In the meantime, girls filmed and photographed this once-in-a-lifetime cultural experience. An exhibition of the bark canoe and photos was launched at the Mildura Arts Centre in NAIDOC Week.

Clontarf Academy student Jai Portelli explains how important this experience was to him.

'This experience was the best of my life learning about the land and the heritage. As a proud Aboriginal person of the Wotjobaluk tribe, to learn something like this is a great honour and you could see during the project how proud everyone was to be a part of it. The Elders told us how a bark canoe was built in the old days before we had access to machinery, and passed on knowledge and stories over the five days.'

Mildura Clontarf Academy's Director Mick James notes that the bark canoe project was the most significant cultural event the students at Mildura have been involved in. 'It was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with Elders and senior Indigenous people in the region through the course of harvesting the canoe,' he says.

The scarred tree sits on the seventh fairway of the Riverside Golf Club in Mildura and has now been registered as a cultural heritage site. A plaque has been erected to explain the project.

Organiser Michael Gilby is very passionate about the project. 'Such programs build confidence and affirm identity,' he says. 'This is about youth fishing for cultural knowledge.'





## Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer families to host high school students from Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark America and Japan

The students will be arriving early February.

**Please contact:**

Jenny Hanson  
South Australian Inbound Manager  
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange  
Ph: (08) 83230973  
Email [jeh1313@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jeh1313@bigpond.net.au)  
Toll Free: 1800 500 501

**An information pack can be sent on request.  
It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all**

### Introduce your family to another culture

- Make lifelong international friends
- Share our Australian culture and lifestyle



### ▼ Fashion Parade



### ◀ Athletics

# MSC Calendar 2015/16

## November

6	Year 11 classes end 3:10pm
	All lockers emptied
	All Library books to be returned
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1	Year 12 classes commence

## January

## February

To:

From:  
Mildura Senior College  
P.O Box 1436  
Mildura 3502



Postage Paid  
Mildura 3502