

# PRINCIPALS' REPORT

## Welcome to Mildura Senior College 2018

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2018. Welcome to our approximately 550 new enrolments & welcome back to our returning students & families.

This year we will be continuing our focus on 'growth' for every student at our College. We will continue to grow access and subject range at the Mildura Region Trade Training Centre; Deakin site. All areas of student support will have an increase in resourcing to ensure students are monitored and supported along their learning journey and given every opportunity to succeed.

We are continuing to develop partnerships across our community to provide improved pathways opportunities to our students.

You may not be aware that our Newsletter is published online on our Compass Parent Portal, we use Compass Regulator to provide

information to families, please familiarise yourselves with the site.

## Staffing for 2018

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

### Principal

Belinda Hudak

### Assistant Principals

Tracy Marr  
 Andrew Banks

### Business Manager

Yvonne Edwards

### Sub-School Leaders

Kim Bathe  
 Jim Blue  
 Kate Bourchier  
 Joanna Panagiotaros

Ineke Rogers  
 Rob Sinclair  
 Graeme Smyth  
 Marg Wilson

### Learning Specialist

Tim Rix

### Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Martha Maiorana

### VETiS Coordinator

Linda Snoxall

### Careers & Tertiary Advisor

Lavina Hamilton

### Student Activities Coordinator

Lachlan Lean

### Sport Coordinator

Emma Broadbent

## KEY DATES

February 5th	Welcome Parent/Student/Teacher (PST 1) Conferences 5.00pm – 7.30pm
February 6th	School Photos
February 13th	Catch Up Day Photos
March 1st	SLP 1 (Student Progress Report 1) available to Parents via Compass Parent Portal
March 12th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
March 22nd	SLP 2 (Student Progress Report 2) available to Parents via Compass Parent Portal
March 26th	Parent/Student/Teacher (PST 2) Conferences 5.00pm – 7.30pm
March 29th	End Term 1 – Classes end at 2.30pm



Thank you to our 2017 College Captains for your work and dedication.

Additions to our staff for the start of 2018 include

Name	Employment Type
Meagan Blennerhassett	Arts
Shivali Bansal	Systems Engineering Maths Physics
Martine Hendy	Mathematics/VCAL Numeracy
Gabrielle Doddridge	English/VCAL Literacy
Ben Rizzuto	English/VCAL Literacy
Reem Yunis	Mathematics/VCAL Numeracy

## 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 2018

We would like to congratulate our nominated and elected student leaders for 2018. 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 2018

Sean Ballard and Meg Richardson

### Deputy Captains 2018

Izaak Luitjes and Lily Tindall

## 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 2018. Please don't hesitate to contact me at the College if I can assist in any way.**

**Belinda Hudak**

Principal

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' REPORT

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.

We would like to wish everyone all the best with their studies. We are 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 in Year 12 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.

We hope you all have a great start to the year!

## Student Pathways, Transition and Well-Being

As a quick reference guide, parents and students are reminded that the following points will ensure a smooth start for students in 2018:

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 day is permitted at lunch and recess only, students are not permitted to stay at the shop after their purchase

Smoking is not permitted on College grounds or in the vicinity of the College. This rule is strictly enforced.

Parents - if you have not already done so, please supply the College with a current email address and mobile phone number and always keep this updated, as staff will contact you in regards to your child's progress.

## Student Support

The Student Services Centre is a great place for students to get help and assistance, Sub School Leaders, administration and course support and the Attendance Officer can all be found in the Student Service Centre.

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.

## 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
- Familiarise 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 Parent Student Teacher Conference (PST) (This is an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and gain assistance to access the Parent Portal.)

## Reports

Parents will receive regular updates (every 4 weeks) on Student progress via our Parent Portal. These are called SLP's (Student Learning Profiles). Contact details for class teachers, Pathways Teachers and Sub-School Leaders have been provided in this mail out.

## Parent Portal (Compass)

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. If there are any issues accessing the portal, please contact the College.

## Welcome Parent/Student/Teacher Conference (PST's)

Included in this mail out, all families will receive an allocated time slot for our first Welcome PST, which will be held at the College on Monday 5th February. All families are strongly encouraged to attend to discuss your students pathway and aspirations for the future with their Pathways Teacher.

Families will also be able to meet other teachers and gain information on the Compass Parent Portal. VCE and VCAL structure and requirements, Latrobe opportunities, Special Provision, how to be actively involved in your child's education at Year 11 and 12 will be provided.

We strongly urge all families to attend and look forward to welcoming you into our College and finding out what we can do to support your child's future pathway.

**Tracy Marr and Andrew Banks**  
Assistant Principal Team

# SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Mildura Senior College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

..... 23 / .. 02 / .. 18 (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

..... 09 / .. 03 / .. 2018 (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <sup>18</sup> ..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <sup>20</sup> .....	3
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <sup>18</sup> ..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <sup>20</sup> .....	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

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Belinda Hudak

Principal

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## MSC Calendar 2018

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