

# PRINCIPALS' REPORT

## Welcome to Mildura Senior College 2019

Welcome to our approximately 550 new students and their families & welcome back to our returning students & families.

This year we will be continuing our focus on 'growth' for every student at our College. 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 to provide information to families, please familiarise yourselves with the site. It is also a great place to easily communicate with teachers.

## KEY DATES

Jan 31	9.00am Year 11 First Day of School
Feb 1	9.00am Year 12 First Day of School
Feb 5	School Photos
Feb 8	Last Day for Subject Changes
Feb 11	School Photos Catch Up Day
Feb 12	Welcome Parent/Student/Teacher (PST 1) Conferences 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Feb 28	Commencement Ceremony SLP 1 (Student Progress Report 1) available to Parents via Compass Parent Portal
Mar 11	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Mar 21	SLP 2 (Student Progress Report 2) available to Parents via Compass Parent Portal
Apr 2	Parent/Student/Teacher (PST 2) Conferences 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Apr 5	End Term 1 – Classes end at 2.30pm

## Staffing for 2019

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

Belinda Hudak

### Assistant Principals

Andrew Banks, Ineke Rogers (*Acting T1*), Tracy Marr

### Business Manager

Yvonne Edwards

### Sub-School Leaders;

Anne Symes, Brooke Summers, Jim Blue (*Acting*), Karen Boyce, Kate Bourchier, Kim Bathe, Nicole Hynes, Rob Sinclair

### Learning Specialists

Kerrie Banks (*Literary*), Tim Rix (*Numeracy*)

### Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Martha Maiorana

### VETiS Coordinator

Linda Snoxall

### Careers & Tertiary Advisor

Lavina Hamilton

### Student Activities Coordinator

Kevin Maunder

### Sport Coordinator

Emma Broadbent

### Additions to our teaching staff for the start of 2019 include

Name	Area/Subject
Tracy Hopfner	MELC
Sarah Hillier	MELC
Jemma Hoye	MELC
Anne Symes	English
Karen Boyce	Maths
Brooke Summers	Maths
Mark Tregeagle	VET Fitness/VCAL
Max Hart	VET Automotive

## 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



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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 Conference (no camp this year) 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 2019

We would like to congratulate our nominated and elected student leaders for 2019. 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 2019

Rohullah Ataye and Eliza Bessell

### Deputy Captains 2019

Jasper Lord and Madison Young

### 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 2019. 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 2019:

- 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.
- Very few students have a study period, but for those who have, they are expected to work in the library.

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 and Student Administration Officers are located there for support.

## Academic Support

Is provided via The Homework Club which runs after school till 5.30pm Monday to Wednesdays in the library. Students can also get individual support in classrooms on Wednesday mornings between 9.00 – 10.30am.

## 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 class work
- 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 January's 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.

**Andrew Banks and Ineke Rogers (Acting)**

*Assistant Principals Team*

# SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

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Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Tuesday, 19 February 2019**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on **Tuesday, 5 March 2019**.

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 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021	5
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021	1
Student Representatives	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021	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.

**Belinda Hudak**

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Principal