

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 is a busy time here at the Mildura Senior College. There are a lot of Assessments and Learning Tasks due and VCAL students are planning their Work Placements. Students should be speaking with their teachers to ensure that they have completed all required work as we work together to ensure a successful end of Units 1 and 3 at the start of June.

This month's Student Learning Profile (SLP) is a key indicator of student progress at this point in the Semester and Teachers and Sub School Leaders are here to assist if you

have any questions. For Year 12 students, they are almost half way through their learning program for the year as Term 4 is predominantly revision and preparation for Exams.

I encourage students and families to engage with the learning and wellbeing support available at the College to support you. We are here to help and work together towards successful outcomes for all.

## Staffing

We are very pleased to welcome back Assistant Principal, Tracy Marr from family leave. Grant Van Looy is on leave for Term 2 and we are pleased to welcome Pip Neagle who will replace Grant during this time.

## Respectful Relationships

At every opportunity, we like to talk about our College Values. We strongly promote

that these values should be reflected in the behaviours we expect of our students at the College and in the community. We also expect the values are reflected in student behaviour online and want to remind our students about the impact their online behaviour can have on others. We encourage our students and our families to use social media for positive impacts it can have, to raise awareness and promote positivity. If you would like further information about how to be safe online please visit:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/entertainment-technology>

Mildura Senior College is an eSmart school and we promote and encourage positive online behaviour.

**Belinda Hudak**  
*Principal*

## KEY DATES

- May 14** Parent Student Teacher 3 (PST3) Night
- May 23** Market Day
- May 29** Subject Change Night
- May 30** Student Learning Profile 4 (SLP4) Published
- June 6** End of Units 1 & 3
- June 7** Year 11 Exams Start / VCE Taster Day / Trades at Deakin Day / VCAL Support classes
- June 10** Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)
- June 11** Year 11 Exams / VCAL Support classes
- June 12** GAT
- June 13** Year 11 Exams / VCAL Support classes
- June 14** Year 12 Ball
- June 17** Start of Units 2 & 4
- June 18** Parent Information Night
- June 28** End of Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish



# Assistant Principals' Report

## Year 11 Subject Selections

All students wishing to change a Year 11 subject, were asked to submit their Change of Subject Form to the Student Services Centre by Friday 17th May. We have currently been working hard to try and place all students in their new chosen subjects with minimal disruption to their program. Our Subject Change Night was held on Wednesday 29th May. All students will receive their new timetables at the beginning of Semester 2. Any student still wishing to make a change should see their Sub School Leader immediately. There will be no further changes made after Friday 28th June, the end of Term.

## Monitoring and Tracking

At Mildura Senior College we have a tiered approach to ensuring all students feel supported to be successful at the end of the Unit. If a student has outstanding work, a SAC or Assessment tasks to complete, they are listed "At Risk" via the SLPs (Student Learning Profile). Teachers are also informing families by listing what is required to pass the unit via email to students/parents/carers. All students who are listed "At Risk" in a particular subject are also invited to attend the PST (Parent, Student, Teacher Conference) to ensure they are aware and supported to meet the outcomes required to pass the unit. Thank you to all of our families for working with us to support our young people to be successful.

## Tertiary Trips (Year 11 and 12)

The Year 11 and 12 Tertiary Trips will be occurring from Wednesday 31st July - Friday 2nd August and will be to both Melbourne and Adelaide. Bookings are now open for these trips and enquiries are directed to the Front Office.

## Becoming more Employable

All of the subjects offered at the Year 11 and 12 level aim to build both skills and knowledge in specific areas. However to be 'employable' in today's job market, employers are looking for also evidence of personal skills like citizenship and generic employability skills. I encourage you to assist students to use holiday and other time wisely to not only study but also volunteer somewhere to prove high levels of key competencies like communication, leadership and organisation skills as well as personal traits like empathy, reliability and initiative. Ideas could include assisting a local sporting club whether it be canteen or coaching and playing music for community clubs. This will also provide a great opportunity to obtain greater networks and people who are able to be a referee for you when trying to gain full time employment or some College applications.

## The GAT

The General Achievement Test is a 3 hour test that is not curriculum based. The focus is on:

- Written communication
- Mathematics, Science and Technology
- Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

This year it is on Wednesday 12th June 10am to 1:15pm. All students completing a Unit 3 & 4 scored subject are required to attend. This test is a very important 'back up' if unforeseen circumstances arrive at end of year exam times. Students are

currently receiving information about the GAT in Pathways this week and next. More information can be found at <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/aboutgat.aspx>

## Valuables

Parents and students are reminded that the College is not insured against damage to or theft of valuables. Students bring these items to school at their own risk. Parents are advised to check with their insurance company to ascertain if coverage is available. Students should lock all valuables in their locker and not leave items unattended.

## Student Learning Profile (SLP) 4 and Semester Reports

This is our final SLP for the semester and was available on-line from May 30th. Parents should have accessed this to ensure that students were on track to pass all subjects. We do not mail all SLP's home due to the extended delays with local mail deliveries. ALL SLP's are available through our Parent Portal.

Staff will commence writing formal semester reports very soon. These will be posted home on 28th June and can be viewed on-line as well.

If you are yet to access the Parent Portal, this can be done via a computer or Smartphone - please call 5021 2911 and select Option 5 for assistance.

## Parent/Student/Teacher Conference 3

These were held on 14th May, with a steady number of parents and students meeting with teachers. Our next (and final) PST for 2019 is on Tuesday 20th August and we encourage all parents to meet with teachers at these conferences.

## Key Dates

Information regarding arrangements for June (End of Unit, Year 11 Exams, GAT, Tertiary Trips, Year 12 Ball and the start of Units 2 and 4) were sent home on May 23rd with a notice about the Pupil Free Day. A copy is also included in this mailout. We operate on Semesters - our new semester starts on 17th June, and the Term ends on 28th June. Please ensure you read the information carefully as this differs from what other schools do at this time of the year.

## Mid-Year Year 11 Exam Arrangements

The year 11 Exam period will run from Friday 7th June – Thursday 13th June. Students are only expected at school during their scheduled exam sessions except those doing VCAL support classes at this time. Individual exam timetables are included for students in this mail-out. Year 11 students undertaking a Year 12 subject will also be required to sit the GAT.

Exams are **compulsory** for all students undertaking VCE and scored VET subjects at the College. If a student misses their exam, parents will be contacted and students will be expected to make up the session at an alternative time. Students should arrive 20 minutes prior to the commencement of their scheduled exam and are only to bring along permitted items into the exam room. All phones/smart watches must be left at home or locked in the students locker.

We wish all of our students the best of luck with their upcoming exams.

**Tracy Marr**  
**Andrew Banks**  
*Assistant Principals*

# Student Success

## Amelia Hill

Year 12 Student Amelia Hill participated in the "All Abilities" Lawn Bowls Carnival on 21st March 2019. This was at Mildura Bowls Club. Around 20 participants were involved in this event and it was enjoyed by all. Each participant received a certificate to acknowledge their participation.



# Sport Reports

## LMR Tennis

Congratulations to our Senior College tennis team who had a convincing win by over Bendigo Senior today at Mildura Lawn Tennis Club.

Our team consisted of, Chloe Barker, Sarah Whyte, Breeanne Marks and Kendall McLean who now go on to the State competition.

**Gary Gibson**  
Coach



## Golf

Congratulations to James Pictor and Hayden Duscher for representing MSC at the recent Regional Secondary Schools Golf competition at the Mildura Golf Club.

Both boys played well over 9 holes with James winning the Senior boys competition with a 42 and Hayden placing 4th with a 65. We now wait to hear if both boys qualify for Zone.

Well Done.

**Mark Tregeagle**  
Coach

# Homework Club

**Homework club will not run  
on the following nights:**

## Term 2

**Tues 11th and Wed 12th June  
Year 11 Exam week;  
No formal classes for Year 11 & 12**

## Term 3

**Week 3, Wednesday 31st July  
Year 11 and 12 leave  
on the Tertiary Trips**

# PARENTS AS PARTNERS INFORMATION EVENING

**for current students in Year 11 and 12 in 2019**

A Parent/Carers Information Evening will be held  
on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**from 5.30pm to 6.30pm**  
**in the College Gymnasium.**

The evening is an opportunity for parents/carers of students who are currently in year 11 and 12 to hear about wellbeing and assessment strategies.

Information will be provided in the following areas:

- Supporting Year 11 and 12 students
- Demystifying Assessments in VCE/VET
- Planning, balancing and a study plan
- Teacher/Parent Communication
- Wellbeing Strategies to support adolescents at home
- Support available for parents/carers

Light refreshments will be served following the evening. Please come along to further enhance the skills and knowledge of our community to support our young people.

Belinda Hudak  
Principal

## **Student Learning Profiles (SLP)**

### **What is the Student Learning Profile (SLP)?**

The overall purpose of the SLP is to provide a “snapshot” of student learning at regular intervals during the semester. It will provide students, parents and teachers with a clear (and visual) indication of where the student is succeeding, as well as which areas require improvement.

Teachers will provide students with feedback on their performance, and students should make every effort to improve their rating for the next SLP.

### **More specifically,**

- The SLP is a cumulative reporting system that monitors student learning.
- We complete SLPs every 3 to 4 weeks as the degree of success for a student can change quickly.
- Students will be rated on 3 Key Performance Areas – Work Completion, Demonstrated Understanding and Work Habits.
- Students will be rated on 3 levels – ‘Above’, ‘At’ and ‘Below’. One or more ‘Below’ ratings in a subject means that the student is at risk of failing that subject.
- Students will receive a PDF of their SLP via their Compass portal.
- Parents can view a copy of the SLP via the MSC Parent Portal, as well as receiving copies in the mail (see below for further details).
- The SLP will show the % attendance rate for each subject, plus attendance at approved school activities. A minimum of 90% attendance is expected.
- The SLP will also indicate if the student is at risk of not being successful in a subject or subject/s.
- The SLP should be used as the main discussion point at Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences during the year.
- The email address of each class teacher and the Sub School Leader will appear on the SLP – parents can use this to contact staff if they have concerns.

Parents are welcome to attend all Parent/Student/Conferences (PST), but Parents should attend the next PST and/or contact the class teacher or Pathways Teacher if the student:-

- receives one or more “Below” rankings in a subject
- the performance of the student is declining (for example, ratings drop from “At” to “Below”), and/or
- ratings remain at “Below” for consecutive SLPs

A matrix is included to show the ratings for each of the 3 Key Areas (For example, what “Below” in Work Completion means).

### **Please Note:**

Once published, all SLPs can be viewed via the Parent Portal. Information about accessing the portal was mailed out to Parents in early February. The dates for when SLPs will be available through the Portal appear on the College Calendar.