



PRINCIPALS' REPORT

KEY DATES

Feb 27	Commencement Ceremony
Mar 2	Student Learning Profile 1 Published
Mar 9	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Mar 10	Parent Student Teacher Conference (PST)
Mar 23	Student Learning Profile 2 Published
Mar 27	End of Term 1
Mar 30 - Apr 10	School Holidays
Apr 13	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Apr 14	Term 2 Starts

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Wemba Wemba People and the Millewa-Mallee People and their Clans; Latje Latje, the Nyeri Nyeri and Ngintait, the Traditional Custodians of the Lands on which we meet today and pay our respects to the Elders past present and emerging. We would also pay our respects to those Aboriginal people with us today.

Principal's Report

I congratulate our students on their excellent start to the year and adapting to our College values and expectations. We understand that some students may need a little more support than others and our staff at the College work hard to ensure that students have a smooth start to the year and are here to support with any concerns.

We welcome parent communication and involvement in our College and encourage all to familiarise yourself with all of the supports available to assist students here at the College; if you need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectful Relationships

Mildura Senior College is a respectful relationships school. This means that we promote and value positive and respectful relationships supporting us to work together with all members of our school community and promoting these values to our students. Together, we can lead the way in saying yes to respect and equality, and creating genuine and lasting change so that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We respect diversity in our student co-hort, in our staff and in our community. The College is a discrimination free zone and ask all of our families to help us to support this approach. More information on respectful relationship and family violence can be found at: <https://www.1800respect.org.au/healthy-relationships/>



Above: 2020 School Captains.

Principal's Report Contd. Attendance

High level attendance is vital to student success. Even 90% attendance can mean 4 weeks absence from school across the year. Where possible please avoid appointments, travel and holidays during school times.

When a student is absent from school, students have a responsibility to engage with their teachers to catch up on missed work and parents/carers can support students by communicating with the Attendance Officer regarding reasons for absences. We thank you for your support and are here to assist if you need any assistance.

Homework Club

Homework Club program continues this year 3 days a week, any Mildura Senior College student can go to the Library on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting from after school until 5:30 pm. During this time students can work individually or in small groups.

The program has absolutely no cost to students and there is no requirement to attend every week or for any set period of time, just show up and study! The Homework Club Coordinator is Nina Pascoe, who works with the students as required to assist guide and provide support.

Belinda Hudak
Principal

Assistant Principals' Report.

A warm welcome to all students and parents for 2020. We would like to wish everyone all the best with their studies and it is great to see all of our students adapting to the new routine/s at our College.

If at any time you need support, please reach out as we are here to help you in all aspects of your College life and your time here is a great opportunity to prepare yourself for life beyond secondary schooling.

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

Parents as Partners at Mildura Senior College

At Mildura Senior College we recognise that family support and involvement plays a major part in a young persons ability to achieve success. We recognise that success looks different for each and every one of our young people and would like to be involved as partners with our parents and carers in the journey of all of our young people to their chosen pathway. If we can do anything in addition to support your young person throughout 2020 please contact the college at any time.

Welcome Parent Student Teacher Conference - PST

A big thank you to all of our families who were able to come in and meet with their Pathways teacher recently at our Welcome PST evening on Tuesday 11th February. It was fantastic to meet with you all and was a great way for our Pathways teachers to gain valuable information on your Son/Daughters Pathway and discuss possible support that we are able to offer to all of our students throughout their time at the College. Our next Parent Student Teacher Conference will be held on Tuesday 10th March from 5-7:30pm. This will be an opportunity for all families to book appointment times with individual subject teachers. Pathways teacher and Sub School leaders will also be available for appointment bookings if required.

In addition to this, students and their families will be able to book 15 minute appointments with a representative from SuniTAFE or LaTrobe University to discuss further study opportunities following Mildura Senior College. All appointments can be made via the Compass Parent Portal and will be open for bookings on Tuesday 3rd March. If you have any concerns about your Son/Daughters progress so far at Mildura Senior College, please feel free to contact a member of staff for assistance at any time during 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 2020:

- 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!
- 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 so that we are able to contact you in regards to your Son/Daughters progress at the College.

Student Support

The Student Services Centre is a great place for students to get assistance. Sub School Leaders (formerly Student Coordinators), administration and course support and the Attendance Officer can all be found there.

We also provide support through the Wellbeing Team for the School Nurse and Mental Health Nurse.

2020 Daily Start and Finish Times

Day	Classes Start	Classes Finish
Monday	9am	2:20 or 3:05pm
Tuesday	9am	2:20 or 3:05pm
Wednesday	11am	2:20 or 3:10pm
Thursday	9am	2:20 or 3:10pm
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
- 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 Conferences (PST) (This is an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and gain assistance to improve your student's learning)

Students Driving Cars to School

As a number of our student body are at the stage of life that enables them to be licenced drivers, it is important to point out that the Mildura Senior College Student Code of Conduct stipulates the following:

“Students are not permitted to transport other students while in daily attendance at the college, or to and from any College function or event”.

This means that students cannot transport other students to and from school or during the school day. *Parent permission does NOT exclude students from this rule.*

“Drivers can only park in the gymnasium carpark or on 14th Street.”

There are designated areas where students can and cannot park their car. Students who drive to school must, on the Permission Form, indicate where they will usually park their car. Students are not permitted to park in Havilah Crescent or on the private land between Havilah Crescent and Deakin Avenue. When students register their car they will be given a yellow MSC Student Driver car to leave on their dash board to identify them as being allowed to park on the school premises.

“Any licenced student wishing to drive a vehicle to school must register their details with the Assistant Principal”.

The College requires a list of drivers and their vehicle details in case of an emergency or accident.

Parent Portal

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.

Tracy Marr and Andrew Banks

Assistant Principal Team

ATAR Calculator

Many families enjoyed trying out the ATAR calculator at the recent PST evening. Here is the link for any families who may wish try it out <https://www.connectededucation.com.au/atar>

Melbourne Tertiary Trip

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to register their interest in going on the Melbourne Tertiary Trip to be held Monday to Wednesday April 20th, 21st and 22nd.

The purpose of the trip is to visit a number of tertiary institutions to see the facilities, courses offered and types of accommodation.

This will provide students with knowledge of the prerequisites required for course selection, the various types of programs provided, the style of campus and accommodation fees.

The Universities to be visited will be Latrobe University, RMIT, Monash University, Deakin University and Victoria University.

The cost of the trip is \$280 per person. Students can register their interest by paying a \$50 deposit to the front office. The number of positions are limited so students are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Students on a Health Care Card pay a \$55 deposit and can access the \$225 Government Camp Subsidy for the remainder.

Student Achievements

Marrung Education Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to students Milla Morgan and Olivia Bowden, who travelled to Melbourne on 26th February to receive their Marrung Education Scholarship Awards.

This Award recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with high potential to succeed in their chosen career paths.

Selection is also based on academic results and involvement with the Koorie community, with recipients decided by a panel comprising representatives from the Department and the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI).

Minister for Education James Merlino, together with Geraldine Atkinson, VAEAI President presented recipients with Certificates in recognition of their scholarships at a ceremony yesterday held at the Maurice Rioli Room at the Richmond Football Club.

Fantastic achievement by these students.

Sam Bice - STARS

Pip Neagle



Above Left: Milla Morgan, Sam Bice (STARS), Olivia Bowden

Above Right: James Merlino (Minister for Education), Milla Morgan, Olivia Bowden, Geraldine Atkinson (VAEAI President)

From the Careers Centre

Career Interviews

I conduct Career Interviews throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3 with Year 12 students from the 20 Pathways groups. I book in students a Pathway Group at a time over a week, although any student can come in and make their own appointments to see me, to discuss Tertiary education possibilities. If your son or daughter would like to see me, they can come to the Careers Centre and make an appointment, or email me at:

hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au

Compass Events

It is really important that students REGULARLY access and read the Compass Home Page announcements on the school Intranet, to ensure that they don't miss out on information sessions that may help them decide on their future pathways.

Upcoming Career Events in March

Monday 2nd March	Parent/Student 1:1 interviews with UNISA Representative in MSC Library Con Classroom between 3.30pm - 7.00 pm. Individual appointment times.
Tuesday 3 March	Year 11 & 12 SA University Presentation by UNISA at 2.25pm-2.35pm in MSC Library Con classroom
Monday 16th March	Year 11 and 12 SA University Presentation by Flinders University in MSC Library Con Classroom 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Monday 23 March	Year 11 and 12 ADFA presentation in classroom H2 at 2.25pm to 3.30pm

Email hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au or SMS 0428 488 366 if you are interested in attending any of these events.

Career Research Tasks in Pathway Groups

Students will be completing a Career Personality & Career Interests Quiz this term. The results are linked to possible Careers. Students are invited to do some research about courses they could study. They will also be working out their Work 'Skills and Abilities' and Work 'Values'. By the end of the Semester, students will be required to complete a Career Action Plan or update the one they completed in Year 10.

There are Career Targets posters on the home page of the MSC Careers website.

www.milduraseniorcollegecareers.com

Students can select their favourite subject. Each career on the poster has lots of jobs which are linked to 'The Good Universities Guide' and possible courses of study at various universities or TAFE Colleges. For students who are not sure what they might do after year 12, this is a good starting point. Each of the 34 subjects have jobs that you might be interested in doing. You can click on the job links to get more information.

UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) for Year 12 students

Registrations for UCAT -Undergraduate Medicine, Dentistry and Clinical Sciences Admission Test at:

www.ucatofficial.com

www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/

Registrations open on the 2nd March and Closes on the 11th May, 2020 at 11.59am

Late deadline: 18th May at 11.59pm

Register at:

www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/registration-booking/

Test Centres: Mildura at Quest Hotel

The test is conducted online. It has usually been held in late July.

Students wishing to attend a local UCAT PRACTICE WORKSHOP being held at Trinity Lutheran College Saturday, 23rd and Sunday 24th May 2020 need to email Lavina Hamilton hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au for an Application Form. The course is run by a company called Med Entry. The cost of the two day course is: \$250.00. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided.

Any interested Year 11 student can also attend this course to work out if they are suited to this style of test.

Career Appointments

Don't forget that students and/or parents can make appointments to see me for careers and tertiary advice at any stage between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm.

They can email me at: hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au and make an appointment, or by contacting me on my mobile at: 0428 488 366

If you want to contact the Transitions from School to Work Co-ordinator – Mr Nick Goodieson, he can be contacted by emailing goodiesonn@milsen.vic.edu.au. He can be found in his office in the Careers Centre from 8.00am to 4.00pm daily. Nick can be emailed or contacted by phoning 03 5002 0209

Lavina Hamilton

Careers & Tertiary Advice Coordinator

College Policies

Mildura Senior College & Mildura English Language Centre (College) Policies.

Please note that the below policies are available to Parents & Carers through the College's website.

<http://www.milsen.vic.edu.au/pages/information/collegepolicies>

1.36 Mobile Phone Policy – MSC Campus

Secondary School Enrolment Privacy Collection Statement

Privacy information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Service officer, or school-engaged psychologist, the required consent will be obtained.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

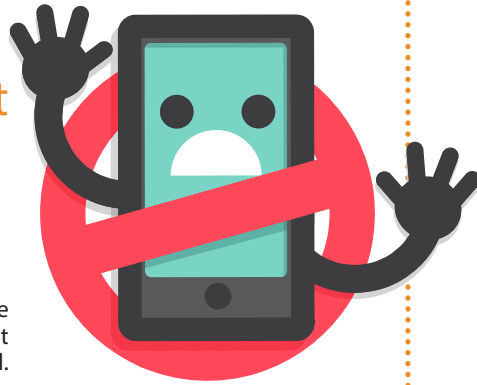
When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

Mobile Phone Not Permitted at School in 2020



From 2020 Mobile Phones are not permitted at school.

If students bring their phones to school they must be locked in their lockers for the day. They are not permitted to be used during the school day on school grounds, this includes recess and lunch time. Students who cannot self-manage their phones can sign them in to the office at the start of the school day and sign them out when they leave.

Parents and employers are asked that if they need to contact students during the school day they will need to leave a message at the College office or leave a voice/text message for students to respond to when school is finished. We ask that students speak to employers about this.

Attached to this Newsletter is the DET Media release provided to all families at Enrolment about the Mobile Phone Ban.

Students with medical conditions can apply for an exemption. This form can be collected from the front office. Students must display their exemption card on their phone at all time, Students with exemptions must still have phones on silent and out of sight unless otherwise permitted.

Mildura Senior College is committed to students' success. To help achieve this, we try to create environments where you are best able to engage with, absorb and retain vital knowledge.

Did you know that by simply having your phone nearby, your concentration and retention drops?

Research released by the London School of Economics in 2015 found that student performance increased by 6.4% in schools that banned mobile phones. ¹

A US study found that, 'even when people are successful at maintaining sustained attention—as when avoiding the temptation to check their phones—the mere presence of these devices reduces available cognitive capacity.'³

An education expert recently said he believed mobile phone-related distraction was a main reason for Australia sliding down an important international education ranking.²

1. <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/dp1350.pdf>
2. www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/jun/28/what-do-five-experts-think-about-mobile-phones-in-schools
3. www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/691462