



KEY DATES

Jan 20	College Office Opens 9:00am
Jan 21	Book Collection and Fee Payments College Library 11:00am – 7:00pm
Jan 22	Book Collection and Fees Payments College Library 8:00am – 1:00pm
Jan 30	Year 11 Students return to College
Jan 31	Year 12 Students return to College
Feb 4	School Photos
Feb 7	Last day of Subject Changes
Feb 10	School Photo catch up day
Feb 11	Welcome Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - PST 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Feb 27	Commencement Ceremony
Mar 2	SLP1 (Student Progress Report 1) Available to Parents Via Compass Parent Portal
Mar 9	Labour Day Holiday
Mar 10	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - PST 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Mar 23	SLP2 (Student Progress Report 2) Available to Parents Via Compass Parent Portal
Mar 27	End of Term 1 – Classes conclude at 2:30pm

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.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome to Mildura Senior College 2020

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 individual growth for every student at our College. We are continuing to develop partnerships across our community to provide improved pathway and employment opportunities to our students.

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.

Staffing for 2020

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:

Business Manager

Jade Jackson

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Martha Maiorana

Sub-School Leaders

Kim Bathe
Kate Bourchier
Nicole Hynes
Anne Symes
Karen Boyce
Rob Sinclair
Ineke Rogers
Brooke Summers

VETDS Coordinator

Linda Snoxall

Careers & Tertiary Advisor

Lavina Hamilton

School to Work Coordinator

Nick Goodieson

Student Representative Council Coordinator

Kevin Maunder

Learning Specialist

Shivali Bansal
Kerrie Banks

Sport Coordinator

Emma Broadbent

Student Leaders for 2020

We would like to congratulate our nominated and elected student leaders for 2020. 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 2020
Milla Morgan and Cooper Modica
Deputy Captains 2020
Maddison Neate and Mitchell Langdon

I look forward to working with you towards a successful 2020. 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 of Mildura Senior College who are new and returning to our learning community.

We would like to wish everyone all the best with their studies for 2020. 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!

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 in the journey of all of our young people to their chosen pathway. On Wednesday 19th February, we will be hosting a Parents as Partners information session for all of our 2020 families. This event will be held in the College GYM from 5:30 - 6:30pm. 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

On Tuesday 11th February we will be holding our first Parent Student Teacher Conference for 2020. This will be held at the College from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. Further information regarding this event is included in this mail out. Please save the date. We thank you in advance for taking the time to attend this important upcoming event. We look forward to meeting with you all to gain valuable information on your Son/Daughters Pathway and to discuss possible support that we are able to offer to all of our students throughout their time at the College.

Our second Parent Student Teacher conference will be held at the College on Tuesday 10th March. 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. Appointments can be made via the Compass Parent Portal and will be open for bookings from Tuesday 25th February.

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.
- Mobile Phones are to be kept in lockers throughout the day, including recess and lunch
- 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 only 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.

If you have not already done so throughout the enrolment period, 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 gain help and assistance. Sub School Leaders (formerly Student Coordinators), Student Administration and the Attendance Officer can all be found there.

Teacher Assistance

Many staff have been scheduled into classrooms to give students individual help on Wednesday mornings.

Please encourage your student to attend school from 9am until 10.30am every Wednesday to gain this extra support.

Homework Club

Homework Club is held in the Library after school until 5.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

Students will benefit by attending and forming small study groups or completing individual homework and study.

2020 Daily Start and Finish Times

Day	Classes Start	Classes Finish
Monday	9:00am	2:20pm/3:05pm
Tuesday	9:00am	2:20pm/3:05pm
Wednesday	11:00am	3:10pm
Thursday	9:00am	3:10pm
Friday	9:00am	3:10pm

On Monday and Tuesdays, students will be required to be available until 3:25pm when a SAC (School Assessed Coursework) is scheduled. All students must attend their scheduled SAC's during this time.

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
- Use Homework Club and Wednesday mornings to seek teacher 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 the Mildura Senior College Student Code of Conduct stipulates the following in accordance with DET guidelines:

"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.*

This rule is DET policy which the College is mandated to follow. There are no exceptions to 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 complete a permission form and 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.

"Any licensed student wishing to drive a vehicle to school must register their details with the Assistant Principal".

The College is required to have a list of drivers and their vehicle details in case of an emergency or accident.

"Failure to observe this rule and to drive with adequate care in the vicinity of the College may lead to suspension and Police involvement".

There are strict consequences for students who drive dangerously and erratically. The area in and around the College is particularly busy between 8.30am - 9.00am, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, and 3.00pm - 4.15pm and all drivers should proceed with care. **At all times**, students must observe the speed restriction zones (40km/h) in Deakin Avenue and 14th Street.

Reports

Parents will receive regular updates (every 4 weeks) on student progress either by mail or through our Parent Portal, as well as contact details for class teachers, Pathways Teachers and Sub-School Leaders.

School Canteen

We are currently seeking parental involvement in our school canteen. If you are available on a school day between the hours of 8:30am - 2:00pm to volunteer any amount of time to assist in our College Canteen, please contact Jade Jackson on jacksonj@milsen.vic.edu.au

Parent Portal

Parents have received information regarding access to and use of our Parent Portal during the enrolment process. 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 on 5021 2911 or ictsupport@milsen.vic.edu.au

We look forward to working with you all to support student success in 2020.

Tracy Marr and Andrew Banks

Assistant Principal Team

College Council Elections

Please find attached in this Newsletter, details of the election of Parent Representatives for the next 2 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.

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

2020 VET Information

2020 SuniTAFE programs (Allied Health, Design Fundamentals, Electrotechnology,

Motor Sport, Plumbing, Rural Operations)

Students attending SuniTAFE for a one day per week VET course in 2020 will commence on:

Date: Friday 7th February 2020

Time: 8.45am - 3:00pm.

Please go to Reception on the first day (this includes 2nd year students).

PLEASE NOTE: All students should bring a pen and paper, and be wearing appropriate clothing and enclosed footwear.

2020 Riverside TTC programs (Beauty Services, Hospitality – Year 2, Kitchen Operations – Year 2, Make-Up, Salon Assistant)

Students attending Riverside TTC for a one day per week VET course in 2020 will commence on:

Beauty Services – Year 1	Friday 14th February 2020
Beauty Services – Year 2	Monday 10th February 2020
Hospitality – Year 2	Friday 14th February 2020
Kitchen Operations – Year 2	Friday 14th February 2020
Make Up – Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 12th February 2020
Salon Assistant	Wednesday 12th February 2020

All classes commence at 8:50am and finish at 3:00pm.

Please go to main Foyer at St Joseph's College Mercy Campus.

PLEASE NOTE: All students should bring a pen, paper, lock for locker, and be wearing appropriate clothing and enclosed footwear.

For more information, please refer to the letter provided last year. If you have further questions please email vet@milsen.vic.edu.au or contact Linda (VET Coordinator) on 5002 0212.

2020 School-based Apprenticeship & Traineeship (SBAT) Information

Students are to confirm their SBAT program and days out of school with the team in the VET office (located at Deakin TTC) on their first day of school. This will ensure the student's timetable and attendance are correct.

If you have not provided the VET team with your Training Plan and details from your Training Contract please do so as soon as possible.

If you have further questions please email vet@milsen.vic.edu.au or contact Linda (VET Coordinator) on 5002 0212 or Melissa (VET Administration Officer) on 5021 2911.

Linda Snoxall
VET Coordinator



Melbourne University VCE Summer School Residential Program

Congratulations to Jack Bennet and Elana Parnis for their acceptance into the Melbourne University VCE Summer School Residential Program.

The program is a two week tutoring program which aims to help them to get a Head Start in their Year 12 subjects of English, Chemistry, Maths Methods, Software Development, Biology and Physics.

The tutors will teach and provide many tips, tricks and pointers to achieving best results in VCE. The students will be residing at St Hilda's College. This placement is designed to give Jack and Elana a taste of University life, as well as the opportunity to explore the city of Melbourne. Fun activities include trivia, a scavenger hunt and carnival day.

We wish them all the best on their successful application to the Summer School.

Ineke Rogers
Science Teacher

2020 Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block 4 9:00 - 9:45 (45)	Block 3 9:00 - 10:30 (90)	Staff Collaboration & Student Assistance	Block 2 9:00 - 10:30 (90)	Block 5 9:00 - 10:30 (90)
Block 1 9:50 - 10:35 (45)				
Recess (10:35 - 11:00) 25 mins	Recess (10:30 - 11:00) 30 mins	Recess (10:30 - 11:00) 30 mins	Recess (10:30 - 11:00) 30 mins	Recess (10:30 - 11:00) 30 mins
Block 2 11:00 - 11:45 (45)	Pathways 11:00-11:45 (45)	Block 1 11:00 - 12:30 (90)	Block 4 11:00 - 12:30 (90)	Block 2 11:00 - 11:45 (45)
Block 5 11:50 - 12:50 (60)	Block 2 11:50 - 12:50 (60)			Block 3 11:50 - 12:50 (60)
Lunch (12:50 - 1:35) 45 mins	Lunch (12:50 - 1:35) 45 mins	Lunch (12:30 - 1:20) 50 mins	Lunch (12:30 - 1:20) 50 mins	Lunch (12:50 - 1:40) 45 mins
Block 3 1:35 - 2:20 (45)	Block 5 1:35 - 2:20 (45)	Block 4 1:20 - 2:20 (60)	Block 1 1:20 - 2:20 (60)	Block 4 1:35 - 2:20 (45)
Block 3 (PT) 2:20 - 3:05 (45)	Block 5 (PT) 2:20 - 3:05 (45)	Block 3 (FT) 2:25 - 3:10 (45)	Block 5(FT) 2:25 - 3:10 (45)	Block 1 2:25 - 3:10 (45)
Group SAC Time 2:25 - 3 25	Group SAC Time 2:25 - 3 25			

Students may be required for SAC's/Assessments from 2:25pm-3:25pm on a Monday or Tuesday. This is a compulsory part of their program and is scheduled in order for students to be able to plan their time.

Study spares are provided for students and homework club is encouraged.

Each subject is blocked and colour coded. eg. Block 1 (Orange) may be your students English class. Individual timetables will be given to students on their first day.

Media Release

The Hon James Merlino MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education



Wednesday, 26 June 2019

MOBILE PHONES TO BE BANNED NEXT YEAR IN ALL STATE SCHOOLS

Mobile phones will be banned for all students at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020, to help reduce distraction, tackle cyber bullying and improve learning outcomes for students.

Minister for Education James Merlino today announced the reform at McKinnon Secondary College, which has seen the benefits of its mobile phone ban on student learning and social behaviour. Teachers at the school have reported that students are more focused during class and communicating more in the school yard.

According to the latest research from Headspace, around 53 per cent of young Australians have experienced cyberbullying.

Teachers and parents also frequently raise concerns about the use of mobile phones during school hours as a cause of constant distraction in classrooms. Rolling out a state-wide policy will provide consistency and certainty for parents, students and school communities.

Students will be required to switch off their phones and store them securely in lockers from the start of the school day until the final bell. When emergencies occur, parents or guardians can reach their child by calling the school.

The only exceptions to the ban will be where students use phones to monitor health conditions, or where teachers instruct students to bring their phone for a particular classroom activity. At all other times phones must be in lockers.

In Term 3 2019, the Department of Education and Training will work with principals to develop detailed advice and resources as schools prepare to introduce this policy next year. A review will be conducted at the end of 2020.

To address mental health and bullying, the Labor Government has invested \$51.2 million so every government secondary school campus will have a qualified mental health practitioner within the school, as well as \$65.5 million in student health and wellbeing, which includes anti-bullying and positive behaviour support.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"This will remove a major distraction from our classrooms, so that teachers can teach, and students can learn in a more focused, positive and supported environment."

"Half of all young people have experienced cyberbullying. By banning mobiles we can stop it at the school gate."

Quote attributable to the Principal of McKinnon Secondary School Pitsa Binnion

"Our students are more focussed learners in the classroom without this distraction and we have observed improved social connections, relationships and interactions in the school during lunchtime"

Quote attributable to psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

"All schools have a legal obligation to provide a safe environment in which to learn. This significant policy initiative is designed to ensure the well-being of young people while at school, free of distraction and potentially cyberbullying."

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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 **Tuesday, 18th February 2020**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on **Tuesday, 3rd March 2020**.

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 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	5
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	1

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
Principal

