

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This has certainly been a very different Semester. As we move into the Mid Semester break, I thank everyone for their support throughout this time, particularly the hard work during Remote Learning and the efforts to get back to school. There were many learnings and challenges during Remote Learning and the resilience of staff and students has been outstanding. We thank our families who supported students and our school during this time and we have appreciated your support as we have returned. I urge those who have been working well to continue their good habits they have established and for everyone to continue to seek help if you need it.

I encourage everyone to find the opportunity to have some rest and downtime in the holiday period and remind our Year 12 students to find a balance between rest and study.

## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Martha Maiorana to the Wellbeing position. Martha is available to provide a range of support to students and can be contacted via the College by calling the Front Office or emailing her at [maioranam@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:maioranam@milsen.vic.edu.au).

I would like to thank Rebecca Scown who has been taking classes throughout Semester 1 while Tim Rix and Ian Livingston have been on Long Service Leave. We welcome back Tim and Ian to the College.

## 2021 Enrolments

We are unable to hold our annual Open Day this year, however we are continuing a range of transition activities. Students who are looking to enrol for 2021, can contact the College to arrange an Enrolment Interview.

Students at our Partnership P-10 & 7-10 schools will have received their enrolment information and we will be supporting students to select their subjects at their current school. Further information about enrolment for 2021, can be found on our website.

### Belinda Hudak

Principal

<b>June 29 - July 10</b>	Term 2 School Holidays	<b>KEY DATES</b>
<b>July 13</b>	Start of Unit 2 & 4	
<b>July 29</b>	Unilife Student Night via WebEx	
<b>July 20</b>	Futures Day	
<b>July 24</b>	Semester 1 Reports Available	
<b>Aug 10</b>	Year 10 Taster Day	
<b>Sept 9</b>	GAT	



Above: 2020 Mildura Senior College School Captains.

*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.*

# Assistant Principals' Report.

## Parents as Partners

A Parents/Carers Information Night was held via a WebEx meeting platform on Wednesday 3rd June. This was a very different format to our usual sessions held in the MSC Gymnasium, however over 200 families logged in and asked some excellent questions during the session. The purpose of the evening was to provide information for incoming families for 2021, to hear about the College and the opportunities we can provide for the young people in our local community.

The evening was an opportunity for parents of students who are currently in Year 9 and 10 to hear about information in relation to our school values, VCE/VCAL/VET subject selections and the support the College has to offer to support student Wellbeing and Pathways. The information provided during the evening was recorded and is now available via the College Website. Thank you to all of our current and incoming families who signed in and attended the night.

## Virtual 'Open Day' Sessions

Due to the restrictions in place because of COVID-19, we were required to hold our 'Open Day' sessions on the virtual WebEx platform. Over 3 nights from Tuesday 9th June, all curriculum areas presented information specific to their subjects. These presentations are recorded with an accompanying narrative to the PowerPoint presentations and can be watched as videos on the MSC website. Families with further questions should note the name of the person responsible for the subject in question and contact them at the College.

## Semester Reports

Semester Reports for all students will not be included in this mail out as is customary. As the length of Unit dates in Semester 1 for 2020 have been extended, reports will not be available until the end of Week 2 of Term 3. The reports will continue to show the level of achievement/understanding in each subject, as well as mentioning strategies for improvement.

Reports will also have a slightly different 'look' this year as MSC moves to a report format which more closely resembles those of our Partnership Schools.

Parents are reminded that Term 3 is the beginning of the new Semester. The VCAA has also pushed the starting date for Exams back 2 weeks, so the Class of 2020 will commence their Exams slightly later than previous years on Monday 9th November.

## Student Learning Profile (SLP) # 5

This will be completed early in Term 3 and will be available on-line on Thursday 3rd August. It will show student progress for the first 3 weeks of the new Unit.

## MSC Website

Our website contains a lot of information for parents, especially the Key Dates section. There is also a link for our 2020 Newsletters. Please check this on a regular basis.

## Parent Portal

We would like to encourage all parents to access the **Parent Portal on Compass** on a regular basis. This is an important source of communication for issues relating directly to students, such as attendance, reports and SLP's. If you are in need of a new password or unfamiliar with log in details in general, please phone the College on **5021 2911** and press 5 for assistance.

## Subject Changes

Change of subject night was held on the Tuesday 16th June for late Subject Changes. Some students changed subjects while others made a course change. We were able to assist students with new Booklists. If students have changed subjects, please ensure new text requirements have been organised to assist them to have a smooth start to the subject. Students will receive a new booklist in Pathways and parents will be notified of changes via email. Subject fees will be amended and new Statements will be mailed to families in Term 3. Please enquire at the Front Office for further details.

## Mid-year Exams & the GAT

Year 11 students will not have a formal Exam period mid-year in 2020 due to restriction requirements. Year 11 students will be provided with the opportunity to sit an Exam and receive feedback in classes during Week 11 of Term 2. Teachers will mark these Exams and provide feedback. Exam scores will not be recorded on the mid-year Reports. The GAT (General Achievement Test) has been postponed until Wednesday 9th September, due to the impact of COVID-19. The GAT results are outlined to students in their end of year results from the VCAA.

## Becoming More Employable

All of the subjects offered at 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 also looking for evidence of personal skills like citizenship and generic employability skills. We encourage you to assist students to use holidays 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.

## Student Services Centre

Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Sub School Leaders and Attendance Officer. If students have questions about their program or completing their Certificate, attendance queries or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice. To speak with a student's Sub School Leader, please call the College and follow the prompts or email them on:

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## Special Provision

Students with medical conditions, disabilities and exceptional personal circumstances are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision and/or Special Exam Arrangements. Students must see Anne Symes - Leading Teacher - Student Wellbeing for further information as soon as possible. All students who are already on the Special Provision list will have received letters.

## Students missing SAC's

If a student is unwell on the day of a scheduled SAC, the student can still gain a score for the SAC. Students are required to contact their teacher and Sub School Leader immediately to explain their circumstance. Students should not attend school if they are unwell. For further information, please contact your students Sub School Leader.

## Student Drivers

If students are driving independently to school, they must register their car with the Front Office. There is a short form to fill out that indicates who the car belongs to in case of an emergency or accident.

Students Drivers are reminded they are not permitted to transport other students during the school day. This includes lunch and recess time.

## Holidays

A reminder that 'holidays' are a great time to recharge. However, it is also a great opportunity for the following:

Students enrolled in a year 12 subject to go over Unit 3 course work and previous assessments in early preparation for the end of year Exams. Every minute spent now is a valuable head start compared to leaving all revision to Term 3 and 4.

Students completing a VCAL Certificate should be organising their Work Placement arrangements.

Students exclusively involved in Year 11 VCE, should take the opportunity to develop a manageable revision schedule.

Year 11 students should think about completing volunteer work to develop employability skills and to enable them to participate in the Latrobe Aspire program.

## Student Achievement

If you are achieving fantastic things in your sporting or community involvement, please make sure you let us know about it. We would love to include details of the event and your achievement in our Newsletter and celebrate your success. Please contact Kim Bathe- Leading Teacher Student Empowerment, Achievement and Recognition coordinator with information regarding your achievement.

### Tertiary Trips 2020

Mildura Senior College is looking to take both Students and Parents/Carers to Universities across Adelaide and Melbourne from 25th – 27th November 2020. The Tertiary trips are aimed to support students who are interested in finding out more information in relation to what Universities have to offer and to familiarise themselves with University campuses and accommodation options on site whilst studying at University in the coming years. We would like to offer these trips to students and Parents/Carers late in November and are currently seeking an expression of interest from any student, Parent/Carer who would possibly be interested in attending.

To register your interest please email [hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au) or contact Lavina Hamilton at the College on 5021 2911.

## Futures Day 2020

In conjunction with Latrobe University and Sunraysia Institute of TAFE, Mildura Senior College will host 'Futures Day' on Monday 20th July. The day will involve all current Year 12 students, along with their Pathways teachers.

Students will have the opportunity to explore and hear from experts in many different field areas to assist with Pathways decisions following the completion of Year 12. Following the day, all students and their families are invited to book in for an individual Careers and Future Pathways Planning interview with a representative from SuniTAFE or LaTrobe Mildura to discuss individual student needs. All students are encouraged to book in an individual appointment to discuss future opportunities. To Sign up, please fill in the attached form and return to the MSC Office early in Term 3 or email it to [rogersi@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:rogersi@milsen.vic.edu.au)

## Year 12 Ball

The Year 12 Ball is currently postponed. We are hopeful that with the on-going adherence to COVID-19 protocols, restrictions will be sufficiently relaxed in time for our Year 12 students to enjoy the formal Ball later in the year.

Please, enjoy your well earned holiday break.

**Tracy Marr and Andrew Banks**

Assistant Principals

# Wellbeing Support at MSC



If parents and caregivers are finding it difficult to re-engage or motivate their young person now that school has gone back to 'normal', the writings of well known Psychologist, Andrew Fuller may help. The website link below will take you to an article focussing on techniques to help your young person get motivated again. It is one of many on 'The Parents website' which may be of interest to our families. Mildura Senior College regularly uses Andrew Fuller's work and provided links to his website at the recent Parent Information Session.

<http://theparentswebsite.com.au/andrew-fuller-reigniting-your-teenagers-motivation/>

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Our School Uniform suppliers are

### SPORTZPRINT

For all hoodies and polo t-shirts  
operating from AV Trophies - 102B 8th Street, Mildura

### TOTALLY WORKWEAR

For all Year 12 Rugby striped tops  
70 Lime Avenue Mildura



It's been great having everybody back in homework club these past 5 weeks.

**Homework Club will continue to run in Term 3**

on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from the end of the school day until 5.30 pm.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing break.

Nina Pascoe (Homework Club coordinator),  
Raeleen, Pat and Sabina (Library staff)

**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>

**Personal Property**

REMINDER – the Department of Education (which includes our school) does not have accident insurance. Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school are not the responsibility of Mildura Senior College and Mildura English Language Centre (College) or the Department of Education. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.



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**UNI LIFE FROM EX STUDENTS**



Past students from Mildura Senior College will be discussing important aspects of their University experience. The students are attending a variety of different Universities, Tafe Institutions or having a Gap Year. They will provide tips and advice on:

**Accommodation | Transport | Finances**

**Lectures and tutorials | Course Selection  
Student Services**

**Clubs**

The presentation will be held as a Webinar.

**Date: Wednesday 29th July**

**Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Students at Homework Club can watch on the big screen. Parents and students can attend via the Webinar at home. There will be a question and answer session.

**Feeling unwell?  
Get tested.  
Stay home.**

Even if you only have mild symptoms

**Mildura COVID-19 Testing Clinic**  
Sunraysia Community Health Services  
137 Thirteenth Street, Mildura  
Phone (03) 5021 7653 for an appointment



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chills or sweats



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sore throat



shortness of  
breath



runny nose

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Translators available**



loss of sense  
of smell

Visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) for more advice



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## Career Advice Interviews

*Students and their families are invited to book interviews with Latrobe University Mildura and/or Sunraysia Institute of TAFE during “Futures week” from July 20th – 23rd.*

*All year 12 students are strongly encouraged to book an individual Pathway interview to discuss possible further study or training opportunities following Year 12. Year 11 students are also able to book an interview. Please complete the expression of interest form below and you will be contacted by Latrobe or SuniTAFE to confirm your interview time.*

Full Name Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution for interview: Latrobe or SuniTAFE: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Date and Time for Interview: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the MSC Front Office or email to [rogersi@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:rogersi@milsen.vic.edu.au)**