



KEY DATES

Nov 9 - Nov 13	Year 11 Exam Week / Year 12 Revision Program continued
Nov 10	Year 12 Exams start (see individual timetable for details)
Nov 16 - Nov 19	Head Start - Compulsory for all 2021 Year 12 Students
Nov 20	Year 12 2021 Enrolment Sessions
Nov 23	Enrolment Confirmation – Chaffey Secondary College, Merbein P-10, 3:30pm-6:30pm
Nov 24	Enrolment Confirmation - Irymple Secondary College, Henderson College, Trinity Lutheran College 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Nov 25	Enrolment Confirmation - Non Partnership Schools, New Students, Mildura Christian College 3:30pm – 6:30pm
December 2	Last Day of Year 12 VCE Exams (see individual timetable for details, some students finish earlier)
December 2-4	Second Hand Book Sales (Arrangements to be confirmed)
December 15	Graduation Ceremony (Arrangements to be confirmed)
December 17	College Closes 4:30pm
December 30	Year 12 Results Released

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.

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.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Congratulations to our Year 12s who finished their last class on Thursday 29th October and to our Year 11s who finished 2020 classes on Friday 6th November.

It has certainly been a very challenging year and we are so proud of the resilience that our young people have shown. Thank you to our Parents and Carers for your support not just this year but through all of their years of our Year 12 Students schooling.

The coming weeks can be very stressful for some young people. We are here for support if you need anything or have any questions, just call or email anytime.

Teachers are available on site for any assistance and additional study support and exam preparation.

Below is a Headspace link about exam stress and tips for helping your young person at this time:

<https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-reduce-stress-and-prepare-for-exams/?stage=Live>

We also know many of our students are seeking work both now and following Exams and we currently have employers interested in employing our young people. Please contact Nick Goodieson Workplace Transition Coordinator in the MSC Careers Centre if you have any questions regarding these or any other employment opportunities. goodiesonn@milsen.vic.edu.au



Above: 2020 Mildura Senior College School Captains.



Principals' Report (cont...)

50 Jobs in 50 Days

Also, a reminder to register fulltime job interest in the Regional Economic Recovery Plan – 50 Jobs in 50 Days.

This is a targeted incentive to support school leavers/graduates but is also open to all job seekers.

We encourage all students seeking employment to register their interest and upload their resume. Please note this is registering with the 50 Jobs in 50 Days initiative and not based at the school.

All Students should have a Resume developed through Pathways. However, if students need assistance with creating a Resume, please email Nick Goodieson for support.

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provide opportunities for our community to STAY LOCAL and BE EMPLOYED LOCALLY. Launching on 1st November as part of the regions COVID-19 Economic Recovery actions, they are inviting businesses to come together and create opportunities for locals to enter the workforce through Apprenticeships, Traineeships and employment pathways to ensure we maintain a vibrant community by investing in our local talent.

Click the link below to find out more, register your employment interest and upload your resume.

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Belinda Hudak
Principal

Assistant Principals' Report.

In the Term 3 Mail out, details were provided about the Term 4 arrangements for Year 11 and 12 students.

This information was also emailed to families at the beginning of Term 4.

End of Classes

Year 12 classes finished on 29th October. The behaviour of students was as we would expect in an environment that encapsulates high expectations from its young adults. The students enjoyed an approved 'formal dress up' day and a 'colour run' activity on the College oval in the afternoon which was great fun for the whole school after such a disrupted year.

Year 11 classes concluded on 6th November.

Year 11 and 12 Exams

Performance Exams for Year 12 VCE students are now finished - these were in Drama, Dance and Music.

The Year 12 Written Exams commence with English at 9:00am on Tuesday 10th November.

Year 11 Exams commenced on 11th November. The format for these Exams means accommodating COVID-19 Safe protocols. Therefore, Year 11 Exams will be conducted in students' normal classrooms with their regular teacher. This will be over 3 days and will occur in 'Blocks' of 90 minutes, corresponding to the subject blocking on the MSC timetable. Students received reminders about Exam dates and rules prior to the commencement of the Exam period.

Second Hand Books

A Second Hand Book service is available through the Library for students who would like to sell their textbooks. Books will be accepted up until the 27th November and bank details will need to be supplied. Students are also able to buy Second

Hand books by completing a Second Hand Book Order Form at Enrolment confirmation. Books ordered will be available for collection at the College on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December.

Lockers

The last day for ALL lockers to be cleaned out is Friday 27th November. Students have had a number of reminders about this. Please be advised that the College will NOT retain items left in lockers. This date is also the last day that Library Books can be returned, loan laptops can be returned and for students to have all DET software wiped from their BYOD device.

Year 12 Dinner

Despite the College hoping that restrictions may have been eased enough for this event to go ahead it has unfortunately not been possible to stage the End of Year Dinner for Year 12 students this year.

Year 12 2021 Head Start

The Year 12 Head Start program will be held from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th November. On these four days all 2021 Year 12 students are required to attend as teachers will begin Unit 3 work and give out important work to be completed by the start of the following year.

Year 12 2021 Enrolment

Enrolment will occur during school hours on Friday 20th November in the College Gym. Students are to attend in their Pathways Group at their nominated times. Parents are unfortunately unable to attend. Any student who has indicated that they will not be returning in 2021 will need to attend a formal Exit Interview and return the Exit paperwork prior to this date. If you cannot attend your designated session, please contact MSC to arrange another time.

Year 12 Enrolment Sessions – Friday 20th November

9.00am – 10.30am	11.00am – 12.30pm	1.30pm – 3.00pm
12 – Darren Atkinson	13 – Dallas Cole	14 – Anne MacDonald
23 – Jim Blue	34 – Heather Laity	24 – Sharyn Byrne
44 – Marg Wilson	43 – Tim Rix	33 – Mark Tregheagle
51 – Pip Neagle	53 – Belinda Pantarotto	54 – Maddison Ruchel
52 – Jane Moglia	62 – Rick Williams	63 – Jade Kemp
61 – Emma Astill	64 – Wendy Yeung	76 – Wendy Kelly
73 – Craig Irvin	72 – Martha Maiorana	84 – Gabby Doddridge
74 – Tony Birch	75 – Candice Burley	
81 – Gary Gibson	83 – Kelly Morrison	
82 – Kevin Maunder		

Year 12 2020 Graduation

Year 12 Graduation will be held on 15th December. Further details will be sent home in the mail to graduating students at the end of November.

Reports

Semester Two reports for current Year 11 and 12 students will be mailed home at the end of the school year. Our office closes on 18th December. Staff also finish on this day.

The final SLP for Year 11 students was available on line on 19th October.

Parents are reminded that progression from Year 11 to Year 12 is not automatic - a number of factors are considered including the student's academic, behaviour and attendance record.

2021 Start Dates

Year 11 students will start on Friday 29th January at 9:00am and Year 12 commences Monday 1st February at 9:00am.

Tracy Marr and Andrew Banks

Assistant Principals



I am excited to bring to your attention a local initiative that has been developed as a part of the Regional Economic Recovery Plan – 50 Jobs in 50 Days.

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From the Careers Centre

Change of preference and pathway advice for year 12 students

1. GETTING YOUR ATAR RESULTS

Register for your VCE Results and ATAR at 7:00am on Wednesday 30th December at www.vtac.edu.au
You will need your VCAA Student Number (Exam Number) in order to register.

2. VTAC (VICTORIAN) CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION LINK

<http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/courses/cop.html>

You will receive your ATAR results on Wednesday, 30th December at 7.00am. You can log into VTAC & make changes to your preferences until 4:00pm on Monday 4th January 2021.

The Careers Room at Mildura Senior College will be open during the Change of Preference period, by appointment only on Wednesday, 30th December to Monday, 4th January). **Please telephone 03 5002 0227** if you require an appointment to discuss making changes to your course preferences or considering other pathways. Representatives from La Trobe and Sunitafe will be at MSC to assist as well on 30th December.

'Change of Preference' periods will be re-opened between offer rounds. Applicants who have changed their mind about which course they want to study can alter their preferences after an offer round, irrespective of whether or not they have received an offer. If you receive an offer **ACCEPT IT**. You can always cancel the offer if you receive a better offer in a later round. However, you need to check that you have the subject pre-requisites, if any.

Offer rounds:

Round 1	14th Jan 2021,
Round 2	1 February, 2021,
Round 3 to Round 5	throughout February 2021
Supplementary offers	From round 3 for applicants who don't receive an offer in Round 1 and Round 2

3. SATAC (South Australian) CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE deadline for existing applicants for most courses to still be guaranteed equal consideration, is 7th January, 2021.

In the MY APPLICATION section of the SATC website you will be able to log on with your South Australian number OR User Name and Password (created when you set up an account), to access Current Services for Applicants and select change of preferences. (www.satac.edu.au) 1300 138 440 (local call charge).

You can then ADD courses or alter the order of your preferences by renumbering your preferences to re-order

From the Careers Centre (cont...)

them. (NOTE: Do not delete any course you want to study, just change the order by renumbering your preferences as some courses (like Medicine, cannot be re-loaded as the cut-off was in September).

ATARS for courses in South Australia can be found on pp 46-75 in the 2021 SATAC Guide to Undergraduate courses (Blue book) – each student who has applied for course preferences should have been issued a copy in their Pathways class in July. Contact your Pathway Teacher if you do not have a copy or come to the Careers Centre for a copy.

4. 2020 CHANGE OF PREFERENCE HOTLINES

Each University has a Change of Preference Hotline where you can speak to someone who will assist you with back-up courses to lead to the course that you want to get into.

YEAR 11 STUDENT STUDYING A YEAR 12 SUBJECT

If you have studied a Year 12 subject in Year 11, VCAA will send you a copy of your Year 12 Subject Result or you can register at www.vtac.edu.au for your result. You will need your VCAA Student Number (Exam Number) to register for your result.

5. STUDENTS SEEKING NON TERTIARY OPTIONS - Employment, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Cadetships, Work

Come in and see Nick Goodieson (Workplace Transition Coordinator) in the Careers Centre for assistance with Resumes, Applications for Employment (includes

Apprenticeships and Traineeships) or Course information for TAFE and other training programs. You can register for 50 Jobs in 50 Days Mildura Regional Development program by clicking on the following link and selecting JOB SEEKERS. <https://www.milduraregion.com.au/resources/industry-employment/>

6. SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER CAN BE FOUND

in the Tertiary Application Booklet for both Victoria and South Australia that were handed out in Pathways classes. Also check individual University websites & Compass Electronic Noticeboard at school.

If you need any assistance Nick Goodieson and Lavina Hamilton will be available at the MSC Careers Centre to assist you from 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday until Thursday, 17th December.



Lavina Hamilton
Careers & Tertiary
Advice Co-ordinator



Nick Goodieson
Workplace Transition
Coordinator

VET Building and Construction
VET Engineering
VET Automotive

Get VET

MY VET SUCCESS STORY
JAMES
Apprentice carpenter

Three words that describe VET:

Fun. Educational. Rewarding.

Secondary school: Mildura Senior College

Location: Mildura

VET qualifications:

Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship

Certificate II in Engineering Studies

Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation

VET shows you great career options without having to go to uni.

WHY I CHOSE VET

I've always wanted to be a skilled tradesman. I chose VET Building and Construction because I wanted a pathway into the building trade and to have the skill set to be successful. I chose VET Engineering because I also wanted to be a qualified welder and metal fabricator. I chose VET Automotive to get the skills to service and fit out my work ute and trailer.

WHAT I GOT OUT OF VET

Thanks to VET, I gained a wide range of skills in different trade areas. VET Building and Construction helped me to get an apprenticeship in the building industry and to be an asset to the company from day one. The welding and steel fabrication skills that I developed through VET Engineering are an added advantage that only a few people in the company have.

MY VET SUCCESS STORY

I decided to do VCE so I could combine my VET programs with VCE studies such as Product Design and Technology (Metals) so that I could build a tray for my work ute. I secured a school-based apprenticeship (also known as an SBAT) with a local builder through a group training organisation in Mildura. This was really good and it confirmed to me that I wanted to be a builder. During this time I went to TAFE and found it beneficial and easy. Unfortunately the builder ran out of work and I was laid off. I finished the school year and gained my VCE but no apprenticeship. I had plenty of casual work – and did a week of engineering work and was offered an apprenticeship – but I wanted to be a builder first.

I enquired around for jobs and eventually had three more building trials but for different business reasons, none worked out. With a lot of persistence I finally secured a work trial with a great local company in Mildura and I was offered an apprenticeship.

I work on different residential and commercial jobs and I'm always learning new skills from the tradesman I work with. I really enjoy going to work and at the end of each work day, I have a real sense of achievement.

I'm also a volunteer firefighter with the Merbein CFA, where I've managed renovation works at the depot and built a divider wall, seating, uniform racks and cupboards.

MY ADVICE

Just because you may not be good academically at school, it doesn't mean you don't give it your best. If you have a goal and work hard, the teachers will help you to achieve it.

MY CAREER PATHWAY

- 1** **VCE** (COMPLETED)

 - VET Building and Construction (SBAT)
 - VET Engineering
 - VET Automotive
 - Product Design and Technology
 - Environmental Science
 - English
 - Further Mathematics
 - Started Certificate III in Carpentry (SBAT)
- 2** **TAFE** (CURRENT)

 - Certificate III in Carpentry
 - Certificate IV in Engineering – Fabrication

EMPLOYED FULL TIME (Icon: Factory)

Apprentice carpenter

VOLUNTEER WORK (Icon: Fire Hydrant)

 - Country Fire Authority
 - Australian Army Reserve
 - Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation
 - Taekwondo instructor
- 3** **EMPLOYED FULL TIME** (CAREER GOAL)

Highly skilled builder carpenter, engineer fabricator and plant operator

MY AWARDS

Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Awards recipient, ADF



Year 12 Last Day - Colour Run



MSC Day

Dress up as something starting with an M, S or C



Cleopatra – Belinda Hudak – Principal



Kerrie Banks, Joanna Panagiotaros, Belinda Pantarotto (Staff)



Mildura Senior College

Respect. Resilience. Responsibility. Independence. Success.

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2021 School Captains

We are very pleased to announce
our College Captains for 2021:

Captains

Lily Milsom Captain
John Nghiem Captain

Deputy Captains

Alejandra Retamoza-Modoo
Conor Fitzpatrick

*We are looking forward to working with these amazing young people in 2021.
We congratulate all students who nominated and look forward
to working with them in our SRC for 2021.*



Merry
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE

The College office will open January 18th 2021
Year 11 students to commence 29th January
Year 12 students to commence 1st February