

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have had confirmation that Remote Learning will continue until the end of Term and for the first Week of Term 4.

We are now scheduled to return to regular classes at school on Monday 12th October (Week 2 Term 4).

The GAT (General Achievement Test) which is compulsory for all students studying a Unit 3&4 VCE or VCE VET subject/s will be held on site during Week 1 of Term 4 - **Wednesday 7th October 10:00am - 1:15pm.**

Important information about the GAT and the alternative timetable for all students in Term 4 Week 1 is attached.

We understand that it is very disappointing news that Remote Learning will continue longer, and we were all hoping to be back together at school sooner. However we are so close now and students have done an amazing job to get to this point we just need to keep moving forward and try to stay positive.

We are here to help. If students need assistance with learning please contact class teachers or contact the Wellbeing Team, Pathways Teachers or a Sub-School Leaders for assistance particularly if you are concerned about wellbeing or engagement.

I have also included some support resources below:

The following external resources are also available to support your mental health and wellbeing:

- [Headspace – for family and friends](#)
- [Beyondblue – COVID19](#)
- [Lifeline – Mental health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)
- [Emerging Minds – supporting children during the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [KidsHealth – Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): How to Talk to Your Child](#)
- [eSafety Office – COVID-19: an online safety kit for parents and carers](#)

Additional resources:

To support you when talking to your child

- [Raising Children Network – Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and children in Australia](#)

To share with children and young people

- [headspace – how to cope with stress related to Novel Coronavirus](#)
- [ReachOut – coping during the coronavirus](#)

Thank you to all of you for your hard work during this unprecedented time. You are all truly amazing.

Belinda Hudak - Principal

SEPTEMBER		KEY DATES
18th Fri	End of Term 3	
OCTOBER		
5th Mon	Start of Term 4	
7th Wed	GAT - 10:00am - 1:15pm	
12th Mon	Return to School!! Normal classes resume 9:00am	

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.



Above: 2020 Mildura Senior College School Captains.

Assistant Principals' Report.

Year 12 Subject Selections for 2021

Current Year 11 students have been selecting subjects for 2021 over the last 2 weeks. Subject selection has had to occur via WebEx during Pathways. Subject advice sessions were still held during Pathways in August to assist students in their selections. Selections are now complete. A list of all available subjects can be found online in the College Course Selection Guide. Students wanting to exit the College for work or apprenticeships, should seek assistance from Nick Goodieson our School to Work Coordinator. An exit interview with Nick will be arranged for all Year 11 students who indicate that they are not returning to MSC in 2021.

Year 12 Further Maths SAC on Site Friday 9th October

All Year 12 Further Maths students are required to attend on site on this day to complete their SAC.

- In order for the SAC to begin at 11:45am, students are required to be on site by 11:15am to allow for Summary Book checks and roll marking.
- Students in Jim Blue's and Louise Barry's classes will sit the SAC in the hall.
- Students in Wendy Kelly's, Brooke Summer's, Sally Scholes' and Martine Hendy's classes will sit the SAC in the Gym.
- Students must bring their own pens and materials as they cannot be shared.
- They must wear a face mask and they will be temperature checked on arrival, so should allow extra time for this process.
- No phones will be allowed in the examination room.
- Any student that has other assessments on that day can notify their teacher and the Maths Team will provide a working space and help with supervision.

Year 12 VCE Exam Timetable

The 2020 VCE examination timetable is now available on the VCAA website at:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/Key-dates/Pages/VCE-exam-timetable.aspx>

Students have received individual exam timetables in the mail, however, they can refer to this site to access the times and dates of their end of year exams. Students who have a clash will be contacted by Brooke Summers in regards to individual arrangements.

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.

Student Learning Profiles (SLP) 6

SLP #6 was available on line on THURSDAY 31st AUGUST. A message will be sent to parents/carers to remind them. A hard copy is also in this mail out. Parents/Carers are reminded that this SLP marks the end of Week 9 of the Semester. Year 12's have just over 5 weeks of classes left after this date. If you are unsure how to access the Parent portal to view SLP's, please contact the College for assistance. The pass/fail status of a student can change quickly - checking SLP's is the best way to monitor this.

Term 3

This is a particularly busy time for Year 12 students. We have already had 2019 Year 12 students return to speak about their

University experiences. Students have commenced the VTAC/SATAC and SuniTAFE Application process. From August the majority of Universities have their Open Days. Whilst this will 'look' very different to previous years because of COVID-19 and may often be conducted on-line. Applications for many of these Residential Colleges are open now. Students will also be very busy with SAC's, as many Year 12 subjects finish teaching the bulk of their content by the end of this Term.

College Handbook and Course Selection Guide

The MSC Handbook and the MSC Course Selection Guide for 2021 are now both available on the MSC website. The course selection guide has information about all subjects offered at MSC and the course selection process. The Handbook contains lots of relevant information about all aspects of our College. I would recommend all parents take the time to revisit the handbook online <http://www.milsen.vic.edu.au/pages/handbook/index>

Successful students

At Mildura Senior College we promote success at all levels. It is extremely important to get the most out of your studies academically and to perform the best that you can at each subject to open up a greater range of future possibilities. However it also important to develop and instil our College values to be successful in all aspects of life.

We encourage students to be:

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| Respectful | of themselves, each other, their learning, their opportunities and the wider community. |
| Responsible | for themselves, their choices, their learning and the impact this has on others. |
| Resilient | in their learning and their behaviours. Don't give up on their studies, their dreams and each other. |
| Independent | in such a way that they can not only take care of themselves but they can seek advice and support on their own whenever needed. |
| Successful | - if you can achieve in your subjects and instil these values then you will have more life, employment and wellbeing satisfaction than you could have imagined. |

Key Dates

Parents are reminded that our Key Dates can be found on the College website - www.milsen.vic.edu.au Please check these carefully. There is also a link in this section of the website for Key Dates for 2021 enrolment. Parents can also view the Key Dates through the Parent Portal on Compass.

Student Feedback

Over the course of Term 3, we have gathered a range of feedback from students. Our first piece of feedback was focused on the Semester 1 Report, where students made it evident that the Values Matrix wasn't visible enough for them to make progress. During Term 3, the Matrix (a criteria that displays a continuum against our Values) was physically posted with all reports and was also made available in digital format. The Matrix was also integrated into classrooms, giving students the ability to reference and progress.

The second piece of feedback was linked to a 'Remote Learning Walk'. We had originally planned to undertake a Learning Walk

across a number of classrooms to gain valuable student feedback that focused on student responsibility and self-monitoring of growth. Due to Remote Learning, we transferred this to take place in a digital format. Over 100 students were interviewed, providing a voice to support the school's strategy in effectively monitoring and tracking student progress.

Leaders of Evolution

On Tuesday 1st September, our Year 11 and 12 students participated in an online event that focused on 2 digital learning modules under the title of 'Future Skills of the Workforce':

1. Building the Mindset for Workplace Excellence
2. Igniting the Leaders of tomorrow

The event, which was led by Leading Teacher Kim Bathe and Leaders of Evolution Director Damian Hecker, was to provide students with an understanding of the purpose of developing leadership knowledge and skills, along with the logistical understanding of how to enrol and engage with the digital modules. A link with further information can be found below:

<https://leadersofevolution.com/life-skills-communication-and-interpersonal-skills-leaders-of-evolution/>

Ben Milsom (Acting) and Andrew Banks

Assistant Principals

From the Careers Centre

Year 12 Tertiary Applications

Year 12 students who are planning to apply for University or TAFE next year have received their VTAC GUIDE 'How to apply' (Courses, SEAS and Scholarship). They have also received a 2021 SATAC – South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre course guide to Undergraduate courses (Blue book).

Once guides have been handed out, students will be able to choose course preferences and fill in the VTAC/SATAC Preference practice sheets which are to be found in the Tertiary Application booklets for Victoria and South Australia.

These Guides and Tertiary Application booklets were handed out to students in the last Pathway Class on Tuesday 28th July before the second round of Remote Learning.

Tertiary Applications will be completed at home. 'Step-by-step' instruction sheets have been placed on Google Classroom. Timely Applications close on 30th September. The cost is \$41.00. After this date a Course Application with Victoria will cost \$119.00.

VTAC Preferences

Year 12 students should make sure they have done their preference practice prior to this, so they know the codes of the courses they want to apply for. Students can go to the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au and complete a Coursesearch to find out what courses are being offered. Check University websites or guides to find out what type of courses are offered.

You can do a Coursesearch for SATAC as well at: www.satac.edu.au

Select Undergraduate and then Coursesearch

Students can create an account where they can register their details at www.vtac.edu.au between 3rd August and 30th September – as this is the cheapest time to do so. After that date an application is considered late and the application fee rises. Once students have registered and have their VTAC ID generated for them, and have created a four digit PIN, they can login to their VTAC User Account section of the VTAC website and apply for courses. They can use a credit card to pay their \$41.00 or set up a 'Pay Pal' account to cover this cost and any credit card charges.

NOTE: If a family is experiencing difficult circumstances they can apply to the school to have this amount paid. (An email from the College Principal – Belinda Hudak – has been sent out to Year 12 students, explaining the process).

Creating your list of preferences

When 'Listing Preferences' you need to ask:

1. Have I met the course pre-requisites? You need to go to the VTAC website this year to check Pre-requisites for courses by doing a Coursesearch – once a course comes up scroll down until you see subject pre-requisites). For SATAC go to the SATAC Guide to Undergraduate courses (Blue book) 2021 pp 44-73 to check if there are any subject pre-requisites for any courses.
2. I am aware of the EXTRA REQUIREMENTS (in order to enter this course eg folio, audition etc.) You will need to do a Coursesearch on the VTAC website to check if there are any extra requirements for your courses.
3. I have listed the correct codes
4. I have kept my options open – University, Tafe and Independent Tertiary Colleges.
5. I have not accidentally applied for a fee paying course. (DFP) domestic fee paying unless I can afford to pay yearly courses fees.

Note: that Tafe courses are a pathway into University degrees.

The final date for timely applications is 30th September (5:00pm). The ONE TIME cost is \$41.00. After that time, students will have to pay a late fee to submit their Applications. This date applies to Course Applications all over Australia.

Online results service - for year 12 students

Students need to register for their RESULTS available on Wednesday 30th December at <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au> A student will need their VCAA Student Number and personal details to register. Students are encouraged to complete RESULTS REGISTRATION by 5:00pm Tuesday 29th December, 2020.

VTAC SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme applications – Applications due in 9th October.

All students applying for courses in Victoria through VTAC should also submit a 'Special Entry Access Scheme' Application. Special entry includes equity areas such as rurality, low income, non-English speaking background, disability and impairment, a medical condition, as well as severe emotional issues that may have

prevented a student from adequately preparing for tertiary study. This may mean that a student who does not make the 'clearly in' cut off point with their ATAR score may still be considered for a course based on equity issues.

All of our students are eligible for the rurality which is (Category one) as well as special consideration if a student has experienced Difficult Circumstances, Disadvantage Financial Background and Medical Condition. The VTAC guide – HOW TO APPLY 2020 has information about the Special Entry Access Scheme and Special Consideration category information on pp 8 & 11.



It is the students' responsibility to lodge their application, and send any documentary evidence to VTAC (such as Centrelink Family Assistance INCOME STATEMENT for SEAS Category 2 for financial disadvantage). Eligible students can scan & upload a copy from their VTAC user account where it says SUBMIT SEAS/SCHOLARSHIP on the Menu bar at the top of their account. See below.



1. Please select the relevant application for attaching your documents.

- SEAS
- Scholarship

2. Select the type of supporting documentation:

3. Is the Centrelink document in your name? Yes No

4. What is your relationship with the person named on the Centrelink document?

(Only Centrelink documents issued to parents/guardians can be provided.)

Click on Uploading documents blue link and drag copy of file into box.

Appointments can be made with Lavina Hamilton at the Careers Centre. She will assist you with VTAC SEAS/SCHOLARSHIP applications

VTAC SCHOLARSHIPS – Applications due 9th October

If a student's family is on a low income, or the student is already receiving Youth Allowance OR Family Benefits (under their parents' Centrelink Reference Number), they should also have filled in the Scholarship application form on the VTAC User Account section of the VTAC website. Every student should submit a VTAC scholarship application. If you are ineligible for Centrelink benefits, you must provide your Australian Tax Office-Notice of Financial Assessment for the 2019/2020 financial year for each contributing parent or partner, OR you can get your parents to supply three consecutive pay slips no older than three months old. A VTAC representative in Mildura this year stated, 'students should make an application and let VTAC decide whether they are eligible.' The VTAC Guide – How to Apply 2020 has VTAC scholarship information on p.10. Other institutional Scholarships not through VTAC can be found at www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships



Tafe Applications

Tafe Applicants for 2020 - please note students will need to email an expression of interest to Sunitafe from August to January. Go to a course and send an 'ONLINE ENQUIRY' or call 1300 478 648

Students are required to attend the JOB & SKILLS CENTRE to do literacy/numeracy tests and informally enrol.

Students wishing to apply for Tafe courses elsewhere in Victoria (called VET in the VTAC Course Guide), will need to do a VTAC Course Application before the end of September. The application will cost \$41.00. Tafe courses in South Australia are free to apply for, and are completed through the RED Tafe Icon at the SATAC website. www.satac.edu.au You are given three course preferences.

PRINT / SAVE AS PDF

ONLINE ENQUIRY

CALL 1300 478 648

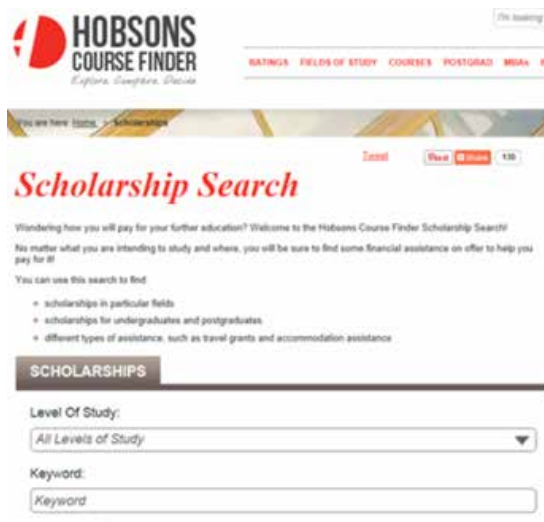
Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Students who are intending to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship for next year should be making applications NOW. They should check job vacancies and register with local agencies (MAS National (was AusNac) – Breece Stephens on 0427 503 805) or SMGT 03 5022 1833 as soon as possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

You can also do a scholarship search by using the Hobsons course finder website At www.hobsoncoursefinder.com.au Select scholarships. Search by level of study keyword, state etc.

For individual institution scholarships the students need to go online to each university website There are all kinds of institutional scholarships to assist rural students and to promote access. There are also faculty scholarships promoting various careers where there is a skill shortage. Eg. Engineering So read the scholarships section of each institution that you are applying for, and give the institution a call if you need more information.





Chances for Children Tertiary Scholarships

Students who will need financial assistance to meet the cost of going away, can apply to Chances for Children to be assessed for a scholarship. In Sept/October a scholarship round will open. Go to www.chancesforchildren.com.au and register your details for a copy of their TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP application form. Parents will need to fill in a FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET for the year's expenses. Contact Lavina Hamilton to get a copy of the budget page.

Lavina Hamilton - Careers and Tertiary Advice Advisor, can be contacted to support the application process. Applications are due in on 20th October, 2020.



Centrelink Administered Scholarships

If you are planning to apply for Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy, you need to lodge a claim as soon as you complete your Year 12 Exams. You can lodge claims 13 weeks before you start studying. It takes a minimum of 21 days to process claims. Payment of Youth Allowance in 2021 will usually be assessed on parent's income for the 2019/2020 financial year. There is an additional income test if your parents/guardians are self employed. All claims are started online. Students can log on and register for Youth Allowance at <http://my.gov.au>. Students can link a Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support online account. Follow the instructions at my.gov.au to link your accounts to myGov.



Student Start-Up Loan – for all full-time students receiving student income support (Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY) who are starting a higher education course – you are entitled to \$1,094 paid in two half yearly instalments in 2021.

Relocation Scholarships – For rural students who are receiving Youth Allowance etc. and have to move away from home to attend higher education, -\$4,626 in the first year and \$2,314 in the following two years, and \$1,156 for a following years.

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATIONS – should be completed August/September/October, after course applications are completed.

Please note that when you apply for entry into an institution you should also make an application for accommodation at that institution if it is your top three preferences. An application fee is charged, which you may or may not get back. Accommodation booklets for some of the universities are available in the Careers Centre as well as information booklets for some of the accommodation colleges. Start checking websites now to see which institutions have opened up their accommodation forms. NOTE: Once a university has their Open day you can do an accommodation application.

South Australian Residential Colleges such as Aquinas College, St Marks College, St Ann's College, Lincoln College are open now for applications.

Subject Selection for 2021

Year 11 students should have begun to think about their subjects for Year 12, particularly if they are thinking about changing direction, or have a more defined goal following Year 12.

Email Lavina Hamilton at: hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au if you still are unsure about what subjects to study in Year 12.

Lavina Hamilton

Career and Tertiary Advice Co-ordinator
Telephone: 50212911 and wait for option 4



REMOTE HOMEWORK CLUB WITH NINA MATHS SUPPORT

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
3:00PM-4:00PM ON WEBEX
CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS

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

Around the College Remotely

Food Studies: Remote Learning Style!

Staff and students have been working extra hard during this period of remote learning to maintain practical skills and knowledge.

Our beautiful Kitchen Assistants Danni & Kim have been shopping and packing the ingredients for each week's production task, and then, along with Kerry & Lisa from the canteen, delivering to every Food Studies student's doorstep. This has proven to be a very successful way to keep students connected to Mildura Senior College, and to their Food Studies skills development. The packages have been received with smiles which has been very much appreciated by the delivery crew!

In return for this service we are rewarded with photos of the weekly efforts of students and conversations about successes and challenges with each recipe. Some of the food items that have been made at home have been Lemon Soufflé Crepes, Moroccan Hotpot, Raspberry Yoghurt Cake, Pear & Parmesan Salad w Lemon Chicken Bites, Savoury Chicken Parcels with Mango Capsicum Salsa and Gluten-free Chocolate Cupcakes.

Melissa Davies - Food Studies



Student Success

Foundation student Emily Davis, has started her first ever job. Not only is she succeeding and attending her online classes remotely, Emily is doing numerous shifts at Bunnings.

Great work Emily!!

Left: Emily's First Shift at Bunnings



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FOLLOW US TO KEEP UPDATED!!

7/09/2020



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

We are writing to inform you about the VCAA **General Achievement Test (GAT)** which is being held onsite **Wednesday 7th October between 10:00am and 1:15pm.**

The GAT is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences taken by all Victorian students prior to completing their VCE or VCAL.

Further **explanation** of the GAT can be found on the VCAA website at:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/general-achievement-test/Pages/Index.aspx>

Previous year's **examples** of the GAT can be viewed at <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/general-achievement-test/pastGAT/Pages/index.aspx>

All students who are studying either a **Unit 3 & 4 VCE** subject or a **Unit 3 & 4 VCE VET** subject in 2020 are required to sit the GAT and must attend and complete the task on the scheduled date. It is very important all required students attend.

The GAT will be held on site at Mildura Senior College Wednesday 7th October between 10:00am and 1:15pm. Students must come to the school site by 9:30am on this day as it takes time to find your room and be seated in allocated seating.

To attend on-site, students will need to follow the COVID-Safe protocols of Social Distancing, wearing a mask, and bringing their own pen. Students are also advised to arrive early for potential temperature checks and are reminded to leave all belongings e.g. phone, wallet, keys in their lockers.

This task cannot be moved to any other day or time.

Year 11 students will sit the GAT in the College **Hall**.

Year 12 students will sit the GAT in either the **Gym**, a **H Wing** classroom or **M2 & 3**.

Details of **specific venue allocations** and a seating plan will be available to students in due course this will be communicated via email.

The College **Canteen** will be open after the GAT for cold food and drinks.

Students who need to catch the bus to and from school on this day will be able to undertake private study in the Library following the GAT until their bus arrives.

As we will still be studying remotely this week all other Year 11 students (and Year 12 students not enrolled in a VCE or VCE VET subject) **will not** be required on site. We strongly encourage students who are not involved in the GAT to make the most of this day to catch up and complete any outstanding work.


Formal on-line classes will change for this week to accommodate the GAT:

Week 1 Term 4 - Timetable for Remote Learning – Students’ Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block 4 – Check in 9.15 – 9:30	Students Review and access Content	GAT 10:00am – 1:15pm	Block 2 Tutorial 9:00 - 10:30 (90)	Student Submit Work & Teachers Provide Feedback Block 2 assessment time if required 9 – 10am
Block 1– Check in 9:35 – 9:50			Break	
Block 2 – Check in 9:55 – 10:10			Block 1 Tutorial 11:00 - 12:30 (90)	Block 3 Tutorial 11:00 - 12:30 (90)
Block 5 – Check in 10:15 – 10:30	Student Submit Work & Teachers Provide Feedback Group SAC time if required 12 – 1pm			
Block 3 – Check in 10:35 – 10:50				
Break	Break		Break	Break
Students Review and access Content	Block 4 Tutorial 1:30– 3:00 (90)	Pathways Teachers Communicate with Pathways class	Block 1 assessment time if Required 1-2pm	Student Submit Work & Teachers Provide Feedback Block 4 assessment time if required 1:30- 2:30pm
Block 5 Tutorial 1:30– 3:00 (90)			Block 5 assessment time if required 2:15- 3:15pm	

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns around this process.

Yours Sincerely,



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