



PRINCIPALS 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. We are here to help with any concerns. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

COVID Safety

We need to all work together to support our school to be COVID safe. Please remember do not come to school if you are unwell, get tested if you are displaying flu like symptoms and as per current restrictions please wear a mask in all indoor spaces and when you cannot social distance.

Learning Support for Students

This year all schools have a focus on supporting students to catch up on what they may have missed in 2020 and support all students to be their best. Information has gone home to all students about the LLN test, to individual students regarding Literacy and Numeracy Supports and targeted students for the extension program. We encourage students to engage in the support offered and work with our support staff who are here to enhance their learning. If you have received a letter regarding learning support and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. A reminder that homework club is in place to support all students with their learning.

Resilience Rights and 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 promote 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/>

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 they 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 required.

Belinda Hudak
Principal

KEY DATES

Mar 1st	Student Learning Profile (SLP) 1 Published
Mar 8th	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Mar 15th	Student Free Day
Mar 16th	Parent Student Teacher 2 Night
Mar 22nd	Student Learning Profile (SLP) 2 Published
Apr 1st	End of Term 1
Apr 2nd	Good Friday
Apr 5th - Apr 16th	Term 1 School Holidays

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.

Assistant Principals' Report.

A warm welcome to all students and parents, in particular the more than 450 students and their families who are new to our learning community.

We would like to wish everyone all the best with their studies for 2021. 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 person's 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. If we can do anything in addition to support your young person throughout 2021 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 student's Pathways teacher recently at our Welcome PST evening on Tuesday 9th February. It was great to meet with you all and was a fantastic way for our Pathways teachers to gain valuable information on your Student's 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 at the College on Tuesday 10th March from 5:00pm - 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. 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 Student's 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 2021.

- 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 help and 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.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC is well underway with the team having over 40 active members, already hitting the ground running with the sale of roses for Valentines Day and conducting work in the Canteen.

We had a brilliant SRC Leadership Training Day on Monday the 22nd February, where our students worked on three key targets for the school.

- Have an authentic voice and provide feedback to add value to the teaching and learning at the College
- Continue to promote the traditions and events of the College
- To develop leadership skills and be able to articulate leadership growth.

Leaders of Evolution

We were fortunate to have Damian Hecker from Leaders of Evolution join us on Monday the 22nd February. Damian worked with our SRC students, helping develop leadership growth and worked with the staff to provide guidance into delivering the courses our Year 11 and 12 students will undertake. Our Year 11 students will undertake 'Building the mindset for workplace excellence,' whilst our Year 12 students will be actively involved in the 'Igniting the leaders of tomorrow' course. Our overarching aim is to help students develop social, emotional and life-based strategies to feel empowered in all facets of life.

2021 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	10.55am	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 access the Parent Portal.)

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, 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 card 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 is required to have a list of drivers and their vehicle details in case of an emergency or accident. This can be very beneficial for student drivers if something happens to their vehicle that causes damage.

"Failure to observe this rule and to drive without adequate care in the vicinity of the College will 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, 1pm - 2pm, and 3.15pm - 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 St.

Reports

Parents will receive information about our reporting system very soon. The first SLP (Student learning Profile) will be available via the Parent Portal on Monday 1st March. Parents will receive regular updates (every 4 weeks) on student progress via the mail and through our Parent Portal, as well as contact details for class teachers, Pathways Teachers and Sub-School Leaders.

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.

Ben Milsom and Andrew Banks
Assistant Principal Team

School Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the **Schools' Privacy Policy**.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website www.milsen.vic.edu.au.

For more information about privacy, refer to: **Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.** www.education.vic.gov.au/pages/privacy

This information is also available in nine community languages:

Amharic | Arabic | Dari | Mandarin | Somali
Sudanese | Turkish | Urdu | Vietnamese.

Apprenticeship Traineeship & Employment Opportunities

MSC Careers Centre

Please see the latest Apprenticeship, Traineeship & Employment Opportunities on offer in Sunraysia.

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

Apprentice Mechanic – Johnson's Trucks Mildura:

Preferred candidates have completed Certificate II Automotive <https://www.johnsonstrucks.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Apprentice-Diesel-Mechanic.pdf>

Apprentice Engineer – Trigg's Industries:

More working around the laser cutting side of the business. Would like to see genuinely interested candidates. Certificate II in Engineering would be beneficial. Experience with drafting or an aptitude to learn is also beneficial. <https://www.triggs.net.au/employment>

Civil Construction Traineeship x2:

<https://www.prestigestaffing.com.au/engineering-jobs/civil-construction-traineeship/3172490>

Printer Operator Apprenticeship:

<https://www.prestigestaffing.com.au/trades-and-services-jobs/printer-operator-apprentice-school-leaver/3165051>

Certificate III in Business Administration:

<https://www.smgmt.com.au/job/traineeship-certificate-iii-business-administration-21-012/>

Dental Assistant & Reception Traineeships – Tankard Dental:

See Nick Goodieson MSC Careers

Mildura 4wd Accessories & Markraft Engineering have the following positions available:

Metal Fabrication and Engineering Apprenticeships (Aluminium & Steel) x 2

Auto Electrical Apprenticeship

An interest and passion for both these fields is a must, any experience is an advantage. Both apprenticeships will offer clean work on a large range of vehicles both big and small in an air-conditioned workshop Monday – Friday. Any young individuals interested are advised to pop in and/or send a resume addressed to james@mildura4wd.com.au

ICT Information for Parents

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

The following communication relates to a number of ICT initiative at Mildura Senior College.

Bring Your Own Device

Mildura Senior College strongly encourages all students to bring their own device (BYOD) to school in 2021 to maximise access to the curriculum. The College has a number of BYOD options that families can choose from. With the real possibility of having to move to Remote Learning throughout 2021 due to COVID19, it is vital that students have a device to ensure learning continues uninterrupted. For future Lockdowns the College will move immediately to Online Classes. More information can be found on the college website to support students and families to ensure they have a device; <http://www.milsen.vic.edu.au/pages/information/ict>

Schools Direct Internet Pilot

Mildura Senior College is one of several schools participating in a department of education proof of concept pilot to test a new type of internet connection and filtering solution in schools. The College will be moving over to this solution from Thursday the 4th of March. The purpose of this pilot is to provide students with fast, secure and consistent access to the Internet. Students will be required to install a certificate on their device in order to use this new service. The purpose of installing this certificate is to allow the new filtering system to inspect encrypted internet traffic for malicious content. Information relating to how to install this certificate will be provided to students over the next week.

This internet filtering will only apply to the student's device while they are at school and not when they are at home. We encourage families to review the following information provided by the department in relation to cyber safety <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/cybersafety/resources>

Parent Portal.

We use Compass School Manager as our Parent Portal, this is how we will let you know that your child is going well or is at risk in a particular subject area. Parents can also use the portal to access the following

- Access your child's Student Semester Reports (June and December)
- Access your child's progress reports (Student Learning Profiles – SLP)
- Book your Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- View up-to-date class and school attendance information
- Update your registered email and mobile number details (used for SMS alerts)
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news

To login, open a web browser, navigate to <https://milsen-vic.compass.education> and enter the following details.

ICT Support

If you have any questions about the following information please feel free to contact Mildura Senior College ICT Support on 03 5002 0201 or via email at ictsupport@milsen.vic.edu.au



Mildura Senior College

Respect. Resilience. Responsibility. Independence. Success.

FOLLOW US TO KEEP UPDATED!!

Attendance: Every Day Counts

DID YOU KNOW?

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Even 90 % attendance
= 4 weeks of classes missed
in a school year

STRIVE FOR 100%

Attendance at Mildura Senior College

We are writing to remind you that we expect student attendance to be above 90% - this policy is in line with government regulations, VCAA and our school expectations.

There is a strong link between regular attendance and success.

It is very important that your student is in class every day.

Why is punctuality important?

Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life opportunities of young people.

The start of a lesson is vital to provide a context for the student learning that will occur.

Explaining Student Absences

Earlier in the year a magnet was sent home. It states the variety of ways to report your student's absence. Please place the magnet on the refrigerator and report your student absence using one of the suggested ways, if your student is unable to attend school.

Is your child's wellbeing affecting school attendance?

Contact your student's sub school leader for assistance.

They can provide support and may be able to provide further help by working with you to refer your student to the wellbeing team or external agencies.

Family holidays and appointments

Parents/carers should ensure that any student appointments are arranged outside of school time where possible.

Parents/carers should not remove their student from school for a family holiday without first discussing the timing of the leave with the Pathways Teacher and receiving a Leave of Absence Work Plan for the student to complete in their absence.