



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The New Semester

With another Semester over, we are now embarking on the second half of the year. All students have now commenced their Semester 2 studies. Congratulations to those who have been working well to continue the good learning and organisation habits that you have already established. Attending all classes, being prepared for classes on time and completing all set work, are the basics that will set you up for a successful Semester of learning. For those students who perhaps did not achieve the results they wanted in the first half of the year, take the opportunity to turn things around as early as possible. The starting point is to use feedback you have received and seek out the support of your classroom teachers as early in the Semester as possible.

It is important to unwind during the holidays. I encourage everyone to take 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 Jessica Petrolo into our new Mental Health Practitioner role.

We will also welcome Amanda Smith to our Industry Engagement Position and Paul Bamford into our Accelerated Learning role for the start of Term 3.

Ineke Rogers will take Long Service Leave in Term 3 and Sharyn Byrne will be taking on her Sub-School Leader role.

Nicole Hynes has moved full time into the classroom and John Thomson will take over her Sub-School Leader role.

Congratulations to Stacey Jaques and her family who welcomed baby Mason, earlier this month.

Enrolments for 2022 Now Open!

Our annual **Open Day** has been delayed until **1st August this year**. The event is a fantastic opportunity for prospective families to inspect the great facilities that the College has to offer with 2022 Enrolments NOW OPEN!

We predict that in excess of 500 people will visit our College and we have always had a very positive response to our range of programs and expertise in delivering senior school education. We are confident that this day kicks off a successful transition program for new students in 2022. The format of the day is that from 11:00am until 2:00pm, prospective students and their families can undertake a guided (or unguided) tour of the College and visit all of the subject areas of interest to them. During this time, we will have displays, performances and a free BBQ running as well as many staff available to answer general questions about our College. We encourage you to invite family, friends and other students interested in our College to come along to attend the day to see what we have to offer and start to discuss how the College can support student's individual interests and pathways to the future.

Students who are looking to enrol for 2022 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 2022 can be found on our website.

Belinda Hudak
Principal

KEY DATES

June 25th	End of Term 2
June 28th - July 9th	Term 2 School Holidays
July 12th	Start of Term 3
July 16th	Futures Day
July 29th	GAT Day
August 1st	Open Day

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 and pay our respects to the Elders past present and emerging.

Assistant Principals' Report.

Parent Information Night

Our Parent Information Night was held via a WebEx meeting platform on Wednesday 16th June. This was a very different format to our usual sessions in the MSC Gymnasium but over 115 families logged in and asked some excellent questions in the 'chat' section. The purpose of the evening was to provide information to parents/carers on how to best support young people whilst they navigate Year 11 and 12. The evening was an opportunity for parents of students who are currently in Year 11 and 12 to hear about wellbeing and assessment strategies. Information was provided in the following areas;

- Supporting Year 11 and 12 students
- Demystifying Assessment in VCE/VET
- Planning, balancing and a study plan
- Teacher/Parent Communication
- Wellbeing strategies to support adolescents at home
- Support available for parents

The information provided at the evening was recorded and is now available via the MSC Website. Thank you to all who joined on the night.

Futures Day

Mildura Senior College in conjunction with La Trobe University and SuniTAFE will be hosting "Futures Day" for all Year 12 Students at the College on Friday 16th July. All Year 12 Students in VCE and VCAL programs are involved and expected to attend. No scheduled classes will run on this day. The structure for the day will be emailed directly to Year 12 students.

Students have had the opportunity to select 3 discipline sessions for the day. In the discipline sessions students will hear about the opportunities in our local area from SuniTAFE and Latrobe University staff.

Sessions will be supervised by MSC staff and students will have the ability to ask questions from the academics and staff of the relevant field area.

This event will then be followed by Pathways Classes, where students will complete a 'Futures Plan'. These plans will assist Pathways teachers to support students with applications for further study and training options upon the completion of Year 12. These plans will be communicated to Parents and Carers.

As part of the day, Parents/Carers of Mildura Senior College students are invited to participate in an individual career and tertiary studies appointment with a representative from Latrobe University Mildura or SuniTAFE Mildura. Students will receive a booking form in Pathways. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss the next steps for students to move into further study, training or employment. If you attend TAFE or SBATS on this day, please attend TAFE classes or your workplace. All other students are required to attend. It is a fantastic day and opportunity to get ready for your next steps after MSC!

Semester Reports

Semester Reports for all students have been included in the mail out as is customary. These will be available to families via the portal on Friday 25th June. The reports will continue to show the level of achievement/understanding in each subject, as well as mentioning strategies for improvement.

Reports will 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.

Parent/Student/Teacher (PST) Conference #4

This will be held in Term 3, with a date to be confirmed. It will be the final formal PST for the year. Parents are welcome to contact teachers and Sub School Leaders after this date if they have concerns about student progress. We will have a small number of students who must pass all their subjects in Semester 2 to complete their Certificate this year, or to be eligible to complete their Certificate next year. It is important that communication between home and school continues after the final PST. Bookings will be open approximately 1 week prior to the date when it is announced.

Student Learning Profile (SLP) # 5

This will be completed early in Term 3 and will be available online on Monday 19th July. It will show student progress in the first 4 to 5 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 2021 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 PST Bookings. 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 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 text book lists. If students have changed subjects please ensure new text requirements have been organised to assist them to have a smooth start to the subject. Updated Family Fee Statements will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please enquire at the office for further details.

Mid-year Exams & GAT

Our Year 11 students did not have a formal Exam period due to the COVID interruptions of Semester 1 and the impact of Remote Learning. Year 11 students were provided with the opportunity to sit an exam either in classes during Week 8 of Term 2 or over the holiday break. 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 pushed back due to the impact of COVID-19. It will now be held on Thursday 29th July. The GAT results are outlined to students in their end of year results from the VCAA. All students enrolled in a Unit 3/4 subject must sit the GAT. This includes Year 11 students.

Becoming more employable

All of the subjects offered at the 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 in the canteen, coaching or playing music for community clubs. This will 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

Sharyn Byrne will be acting in the Sub School Leader role as Ineke Rogers is taking Long Service Leave in Term 3. **John Thomson** has now taken over the Sub School Leader role from Nicole Hynes.

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:

Brooke Summers	summersb@milsen.vic.edu.au
Kate Bouchier	bouchierk@milsen.vic.edu.au
Rob Sinclair	sinclairr@milsen.vic.edu.au
Anne Symes	symesa@milsen.vic.edu.au
Sharyn Byrne	byrnes@milsen.vic.edu.au
Karen Boyce	boycek@milsen.vic.edu.au
John Thomson	thomsonj@milsen.vic.edu.au

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 ill on the day of a scheduled SAC, the student can still gain a score for the SAC if a medical certificate is provided for the day. 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.

Student 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 subjects 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. Student 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.

Year 12 Ball

The Year 12 Ball is scheduled for Friday 23rd July. 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.

Please, enjoy your well-earned holiday break.

Ben Milsom and Andrew Banks
Assistant Principals



YEAR 12 Ball
FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021

TIME
7:30PM - 11:00PM
LIGHT FINGER FOOD, DJ ASH & PHOTOGRAPHER

VENUE
MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE, GYMNASIUM

PRICE \$36.00 DRESS: FORMAL
TICKET PRICE COVERS COST OF CATERING, DJ,
TABLE & ROOM DECORATIONS, LINEN, TICKETS, AND ADVERTISING

YEAR 12 STUDENTS ONLY!
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PARTICIPATING
SCHOOLS FRONT OFFICE FROM WEEK 1, TERM 3.
RSVP BY MONDAY 19TH JULY 2021

NO PASS OUTS
STRICTLY NON-ALCOHOLIC EVENT
SCHOOL POLICY APPLIES

From the Careers Centre

YEAR 12 TERTIARY APPLICATIONS COMING EVENTS

Year 12 Futures Day - In partnership with La Trobe University and Sunitafe

All Year 12 students will attend a day to hear about future pathway courses in the fields of:

Health, Business, Education, Trades, Hospitality, Agriculture/Horticulture/Conservation and Land Management/Visual Arts/IT and Engineering/Beauty Services/Arts/Biomedical Science (Medical)/Law & Criminology/Science.

Date: Friday, 16th July
Location: MSC Gymnasium and classrooms
Time: All day

Tertiary Information Session

Year 11 and Year 12 students & parents are invited to attend the TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION event being held in the MSC School Gym on:

Date: Monday, 19 July
Location: MSC Gymnasium
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

The evening commences with a Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre presentation about how to make a VTAC Course Application in 2021. It will be followed by a UNIVERSITY AND TAFE EXPO – which includes representatives from all the Victorian Universities and some Private Independent Colleges. Both parents and students will be able to ask questions of the representatives and collect course guides.

NOTE: Flinders University and UNISA will be present from South Australia.

Federation University

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY (Ballarat campus at Mt Helen), are offering a Year 11 Course Information Session about Federation courses and opportunities, the good reasons to study at a regional University, student accommodation, scholarships, entry requirements and pathways into courses, on Tuesday 20th July from 11:00am to 11:45am in the Library CON classroom during the Pathways session time. Contact Lavina Hamilton by emailing hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au by Monday 12th July if you are interested in attending the session.

Year 12 Student Course Applications to Victoria & South Australia

Year 12 students who are planning to apply for University or TAFE this year will receive their copy of 'MAKING A UNIVERSITY/ TAFE COURSE APPLICATION TERTIARY APPLICATION BOOKLET FOR VICTORIA' on Tuesday 27th July in their Pathway class.

They will also receive a 2022 SATAC – South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre Course Guide to Undergraduate courses

(blue book) & a copy of 'STUDENT MAKING A UNIVERSITY/TAFE COURSE APPLICATION TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA' booklet.

Once guides have been handed out, students will be able to select from 6 courses (SA) and up to 8 Course Preferences (Victoria), and fill in the VTAC/SATAC Preference Practice Sheets which are to be found in the Tertiary Application booklets for Victoria and South Australia.

Tertiary Applications will be completed during Pathway classes here at the College in August. They can also be completed at home.

A 'Step-by-Step' Application Sheet for Victorian and South Australian Course Applications will be given out to support student applications. Pathway staff are to be briefed about any changes to the Victorian or South Australian application process before 4th August.

VTAC Preferences

Year 12 students should make sure they have done the preference practice prior to this, so they know the codes of the courses they want to apply for. Go to www.vtac.edu.au and select Course Search (archived).

For example; Put in search term such as 'Business' and click on enter. Business Degrees and Diplomas will come up that are offered by University and Tafe Colleges in Victoria.

Students can create a login where they can register their details at www.vtac.edu.au over August and September. Students will be issued a 4 digit pin password in their Pathway class before Victoria Course Applications open on 2nd August. They will then be able to login to their VTAC User Account section on the VTAC website and apply for courses in their Pathway session at the school (or you can do this at home.) They can use a credit card to pay the Application Fee, or set up a 'Pay Pal' account to cover this cost and any credit card charges.

Creating Your List of Preferences

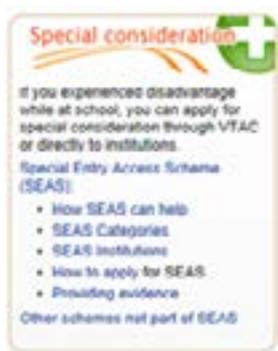
When 'Listing Course Preferences' you need to ask:

- 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 Course Search Pages 14 & 15 in VTAC Year 11 and 12 guide).
For SATAC go to the SATAC University Guide 2022 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.) On each of the University course outlines will be the ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION CRITERIA – read carefully through these.
- 3. I have listed the correct codes –**
University Course Code - **2100322551 Current Year 12 students course codes should end in a 1.**
Tafe Course code – **3401010534 ends in a 4**
- 4. I have kept my options open –** University, Tafe and Independent Tertiary Colleges.
- 5. (DFP) domestic fee paying unless I can afford to pay yearly courses fees.**
Note: That Tafe courses are a pathway into University degrees.

All the dates for Victorian Application process can be found on the VTAC website closer to the start of August.

VTAC SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme Applications

Applications due in by 8th October.



All students applying for courses in Victoria through VTAC should also submit a 'Special Entry Access Scheme' Application for category one - Personal Information and Location. 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, Financial Disadvantage and Medical Condition. The VTAC website has information about the Special Entry Access Scheme and Special Consideration - <http://www.vtac.edu.au/seas.html>

It is the students' responsibility to lodge their Application, and send any documentary evidence to VTAC (such as Centrelink Family Assistance letter Income Statement for SEAS Category 2 for Financial Disadvantage). The Family assistance 'Income Statement' must be scanned and uploaded to the students VTAC User Account.

Appointments can be made with Lavina Hamilton at the Careers Centre. Lavina 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 Access 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 2020/2021 financial year for each contributing parent or partner, OR, parents have to supply three consecutive pay slips no older than three months old. A VTAC representative in Mildura in 2021 stated, '**students should make an Application and let VTAC decide whether they are eligible.**' The VTAC scholarship link is: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html> Other institutional Scholarships not through VTAC can be found at: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/other/list.html>

It is the students' responsibility to lodge their Application, and scan and upload (or post) any documentary evidence to

VTAC (accompanied by a VTAC scholarship cover sheet) by the deadline of 9th October. No late documents will be considered.

TAFE Applications

Tafe applicants for courses which will start in 2022.

Note: students will be able to enter an Expression of Interest for up to 15 Diploma courses on the VTAC website for 2022. If a student is considering applying for a FREE TAFE Course that is not a Diploma, they will have to make a DIRECT APPLICATION to Sunitafe in January 2022. Tafe will run Information Sessions for some courses during August/September/October. Students are required to attend to complete a preliminary review and sit an ACER literacy/Numeracy test. Contact TAFE for more information.

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 30th September).

Note: 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 able to apply for up to 3 Courses.

TAFE Course Information Sessions

SuniTAFE offer a range of Information Sessions as part of their selection process.

Students should be regularly checking the school COMPASS notices and SuniTAFE website (www.sunitafe.edu.au) over September/October for news of dates for Information Sessions.

Traineeship and Apprenticeships

There are a number of Traineeship and Apprenticeship opportunities currently available. Interested Students should see Nick Goodieson in the Careers Centre to express interest.

There are many vacancies including:

- Hospitality
- Plumbing
- Automotive
- Engineering
- Horticulture
- Business
- Carpentry
- Brick Laying

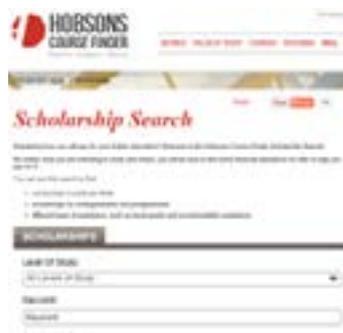
Students interested in these Pathways can also register their interest with the following Organisations:

SMGT: 03 5022 1833 <https://www.smgt.com.au/>

Workforce Partners Australia: 0428 289 246 <https://workforcepartnersaustralia.com.au/job-vacancies/>

Or by contacting Breece Stephens from MAS National on 0427 503 805 <https://masnational.com.au/>

We encourage students to ensure they have an up to date resume. Support for resumes can also be provided in the Careers Centre. Email Nick Goodieson goodiesonn@milsen.vic.edu.au or visit him in our Careers Centre.



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 or consult their undergraduate course guide for 2021. 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. Students can apply for a Tertiary or TAFE Scholarship now. Go to www.chancesforchildren.com.au and print off an Application Form.

Parents will need to fill in a FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET for the year's expenses. Contact Lavina Hamilton at hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au to get a copy of the budget page.

Lavina Hamilton - Careers and Tertiary Advice Advisor, can be contacted to support the Application process.

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 2022 will usually be assessed on parent's income for the 2020/2021

financial year. There is an additional income test if your parents/guardians are self employed. All claims are started online. You can log on and register yourself at <http://my.gov.au>. You 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 – students are entitled to two payments in 2022 of \$1,110 in March and August.

Relocation Scholarships – For rural students who are receiving Youth Allowance etc. and have to move away from home to attend higher education. In 2021 students receive \$4,626 in the first year and \$2,314 in the following two years, and \$1,156 for the fourth year.

Accommodation Applications – should be completed in OCTOBER after Course Applications are completed in August/September.

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 3 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.

South Australian Residential Colleges such as Aquinas College, St Marks College, St Ann's College, Lincoln College are open now for applications for 2022.

Subject Selections For 2022

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

Students should make time to come and visit the Careers Centre to check out the individual University Course Guides for Victoria & South Australia.

For example: Education Courses in Victoria need English and Unit 1 and 2 Further Mathematics as pre-requisites to enter teaching. However, in South Australia there are no pre-requisite subjects. The 2022 Course Guides will be placed in each Pathways room in plastic holders on the wall around the end of July. A SELECTION RANK BY SUBJECT AREA 2022, (WHITE cover), will also be placed in a holder in Pathway rooms, for students to check ATAR's required for each type of course in Victoria.

If a student would like to have a consultation with our Careers Adviser, Lavina, they can make an appointment by emailing Lavina for a suitable time, or dropping in to make an appointment. Parents are most welcome to come as well (once COVID – 19 restrictions lift), and appointments can be made outside of school time. Please call 5002 0227 or email Lavina Hamilton Careers Advisor hamilton@milsen.vic.edu.au.

UNI Guide Online – Guide to Costs and Scholarships

A complete guide to University and TAFE study costs, support services and entitlements has been put together as free online resource for students, parents and teachers. The publications: Get Smart Guide and Get Smart Scholarship Guide

From the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) can be downloaded for free from the website: www.asg.com.au. The booklets explain the costs of study, how to access student support and entitlements, scholarship opportunities, plus tips & traps involved when dealing with new government regulations and criteria.

If you wish to contact Nick Goodieson (School to Work Co-ordinator) about transition into Apprenticeships or Employment please phone - 5002 0209.

Lavina Hamilton
Careers & Tertiary Advice Coordinator
Telephone: 5002 0227

Belinda Hudak
Principal
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Sports Report



Boys Football

On the 26th May, a team of 25 young athletes represented MSC in Boys AFL Football for the Lower Murray Region Finals, after a huge win against St Joseph's College Mildura on the 12th May at home. Playing temperatures in Bendigo were around 12 degrees, with a wind chill factor, compounded by the rain, bringing it down to 8 degrees.

The first game, against St Josephs Echuca, warmed the legs and filled the team with confidence. Rain didn't slow down the pace of young guns Jasper Turner, Vinnie Brigante and Jake Harvey, who put on a clinic in dodging and weaving defences. Other players such as Tyler Lackman and Jack Walker, elected to push directly through tackles, which bruised the confidence of the opposition, and maintained control of the ball. Rousing motivational from 2 time goal scorer, Captain Jack Norton, and leading players Gerard Krake and Jack Oldham kept spirits high. All in all, a great start, with scores ending SJE: 18 vs MSC: 41.

The second game, played straight afterwards, opened with the wind against them. Girton Grammar School had arrived with fresh legs and were completely dry, having not played

yet, and were able to use some early advantages to put pressure on the team. Half time scores of GGS: 21 vs MSC: 7, were met with rousing speeches from Dallas Cole and Darren Atkinson (coaches) and from there the team were not giving anything away. Nate Bull, Seamus Keough and Ryan Morello used their height well, pressuring GGS to blow 6 shots straight on. Cooper Dodds and Bradley Carmes were hard on the ball, inspiring those around them. Jack Norton and Flynn Tyler kept kicking straight when the team could work the ball forward, but in the end their opposition got across the line. Final scores were GGS: 32 vs MSC: 20.

Girton went on to win against St Josephs by 3 points.

Collective thanks goes out to the staff, students and parents/carers that made the event possible. Special mentions to the coaches Dallas Cole and Darren Atkinson whose hard work and half time motivational speeches, meant the players gave genuine and consistent efforts throughout the day, alongside great accommodation and food leading in.

John Thomson