



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.

KEY DATES

28 Feb	Student Learning Profile (SLP) 1
11 Mar	Student Free Day
14 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
21 Mar	Harmony Day
29 Mar	Parent Student Teacher Conference
6 Apr	SRC Easter Egg Hunt
8 Apr	End of Term 2

COVID Safety

We need to all work together to support our school to be COVID safe. I urge students and their families to assist us in keeping each other safe by following the necessary hygiene requirements. Please remember do not come to school if you are unwell and inform the Attendance Officer if you cannot come to school due to isolation requirements. By following the guidelines, we can ensure there will be less disruptions throughout the year caused by isolating teachers and students unable to attend school.

RAPID Antigen Tests (RATS)

We encourage students to test regularly. Tests will continue to be provided as a strategy to keep all at school safe. They are not just for when you have symptoms, but for checking that no one at school has COVID unknowingly. So please follow the information sheet provided with the tests and test regularly to help us stay safe and keep our classes running as normal.

Learning Support for Students

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.

This year we welcomed Cath Banks to our staff. Cath has consolidated the **SOAR program** for Year 12 students who have their sights set on the future and would like additional support and collegiality to help them get there. Students have signed up with Cath and will benefit greatly from this program.

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/healthyrelationships/>.

We thank you for your support and are here to assist if required.

Belinda Hudak
 Principal



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 both past, present and emerging.

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Assistant Principals' Report

The year is underway and we are off to a wonderful start. It is great to start the school year on site with a range of activities already commencing including lunchtime sports/activities, SRC Leadership Workshop and our Commencement Ceremony.

Student Pathways, Transition and Wellbeing

As a quick reference guide, parents and students are reminded that the following points will ensure a smooth start for students in 2022:

- 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 notification.
- 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!
- Mobile phones are permitted at the College, but as a courtesy, these must be turned off and be out of sight during class time. Please visit our website for the policy.
- 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 or vaping 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 students progress at the College.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

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

We had a brilliant SRC Leadership Training Day on Friday 18 February, where our students worked on key targets:

- Self-assessing leadership strengths and identifying growth
- Gaining a deeper understanding of the SRC Leadership portfolios
- Analysing student and staff feedback
- Organising and celebrating the culture of the school
- Coordinating events and awareness for 2022

Reports

Parents will receive regular updates (every 4 weeks) on student progress either by mail or through our Parent Portal, as well as contact details for class teachers, Pathways Teachers and Sub- School Leaders.

Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

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 our school's collection notice, found on our website <http://www.milsen.vic.edu.au>

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

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
- 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.)

Ben Milsom and Andrew Banks

Assistant Principals



From the Careers Centre

Career Interviews

Lavina conducts career interviews throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3 with year 12 students from the 20 Pathways groups. Students are booked in by pathway group at a time over a week. Students are also welcome to make appointments with Lavina at the Careers Centre or email Lavina at: hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au

Students Seeking Non-Tertiary Options

For all employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, or work opportunities come in and see Nick Goodieson (Workplace Transition Coordinator) in the Careers Centre for assistance with resumes, applications for employment (including apprenticeships and Traineeships) or Course information for TAFE and other training programs. Please keep an eye out on Compass and Mildura Senior College Facebook & Instagram pages for work and apprenticeship opportunities.

Are you looking for work?

We have a list of job opportunities in a range of areas including traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities. Please contact Amanda Smith at the [College smitha@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:smitha@milsen.vic.edu.au)

Tertiary Options

Look for tertiary courses by following link <https://www.courseseeker.edu.au>. It lists all possible courses in Australia in your student's area of interest and also lists the lowest ATAR required.

Scholarships

Scholarships on offer can be found in the Tertiary application booklet for both Victoria and South Australia that were handed out in Pathways classes. Check individual university websites and Compass portal regularly for scholarship opportunities as well as Mildura Senior College Facebook and Instagram.

STEM Careers Camp

Two speakers will talk about the Spark Engineering STEM camp to be held in the winter school holidays for a week. Students are awarded a full scholarship to attend the University of Melbourne camp or the University of Queensland (Brisbane camp). You will visit various university campuses to learn more about university life and about studying at university. The camp activities are designed to engage STEM based skills & encourage team building.

If you are interested in finding more about STEM careers and, in particular Engineering, email Lavina Hamilton at the Careers Centre on: hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au

UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) for Year 12 Students

Registrations opens on Tuesday 1st March and closes on the Tuesday 17th May, 2022 at 11.59 am

Register at: www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/registration-booking/
Test Centres: Mildura Quest Hotel (2022) or Bendigo, Ballarat, Adelaide or Melbourne.

The test is conducted online. It is usually held in early July in Mildura. The two sessions at 8.30am and 10.30am are available but you need to register on Tuesday 1st March to secure a place.

Some students had to book elsewhere in 2021 because the two sessions were booked out (due to social distancing rules).

Career Appointments

Don't forget that students and/or parents can make appointments to see Lavina for careers and tertiary advice at any stage between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. They can email me at: hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au and make an appointment, or by phoning 03 5002 0227

If you would like to contact the Transitions from School to Work Co-ordinator – Nick Goodieson, he can be contacted by emailing him at: goodiesonn@milsen.vic.edu.au He can be found in his office in the Careers Centre from 8.00am to 4.00pm daily.



Lavina Hamilton
Careers & Tertiary Advice Coordinator



Nick Goodieson
Workplace Transition Coordinator



Students visiting the Youth Careers Expo held at Centro Plaza earlier in the month. Photo Courtesy: Kathryn Dawe

Around the College

Mildura Senior College

Legal Studies

Over the past two weeks the VCE Legal Studies classes have had the opportunity to be involved in Zoom sessions with County Court Judge Gucciardo. During these sessions, students have heard about what it is like to work at the Victorian County Court, the process of becoming a judge, as well as how important the law is in our daily lives. Our students were particularly impressed with the information provided on how to pursue a career in the legal field, and specific cases the judges have worked on. The VCE Legal Studies class will continue to run sessions with experts from the various legal institutions that we have available to us, and hope to attend the Mildura Law Courts on excursion once restrictions are lifted.



Textiles Tote Bags

As part of their introduction to VCE Product Design & Technology – Textiles students constructed a strong tote bag from calico. Students were required to mix a dye solution and dip-dye their bags to create a gradual colour saturation. The bags were finished with an individual screen-printed design to achieve these beautiful results.



Clontarf Friday Morning Sport

Friday morning sport for our Clontarf academy commenced again on the 18 February. The activity includes teachers vs students in a game of rugby starting at 7.30am before school commences. The event is followed by a cooked breakfast which is a fantastic and welcomed way to engage our youth to school and become familiar with school staff.



SRC Leadership Workshop

The SRC Leadership workshop invited SRC Representatives to self-assess leadership strengths and identifying growth, gain a deeper understanding of the SRC Leadership portfolios, analysing student and staff feedback, organise and celebrate the culture of the school and coordinate events and awareness for 2022. The students enjoyed the experience and opportunity to develop their skills.



Lunchtime Activities

Jim Blue's lunchtime activities continue to be a hit for our students in 2022. This term has included chess, netball and table tennis. We are looking forward to the activities that are organised for the remainder of the year and welcome students continued support.



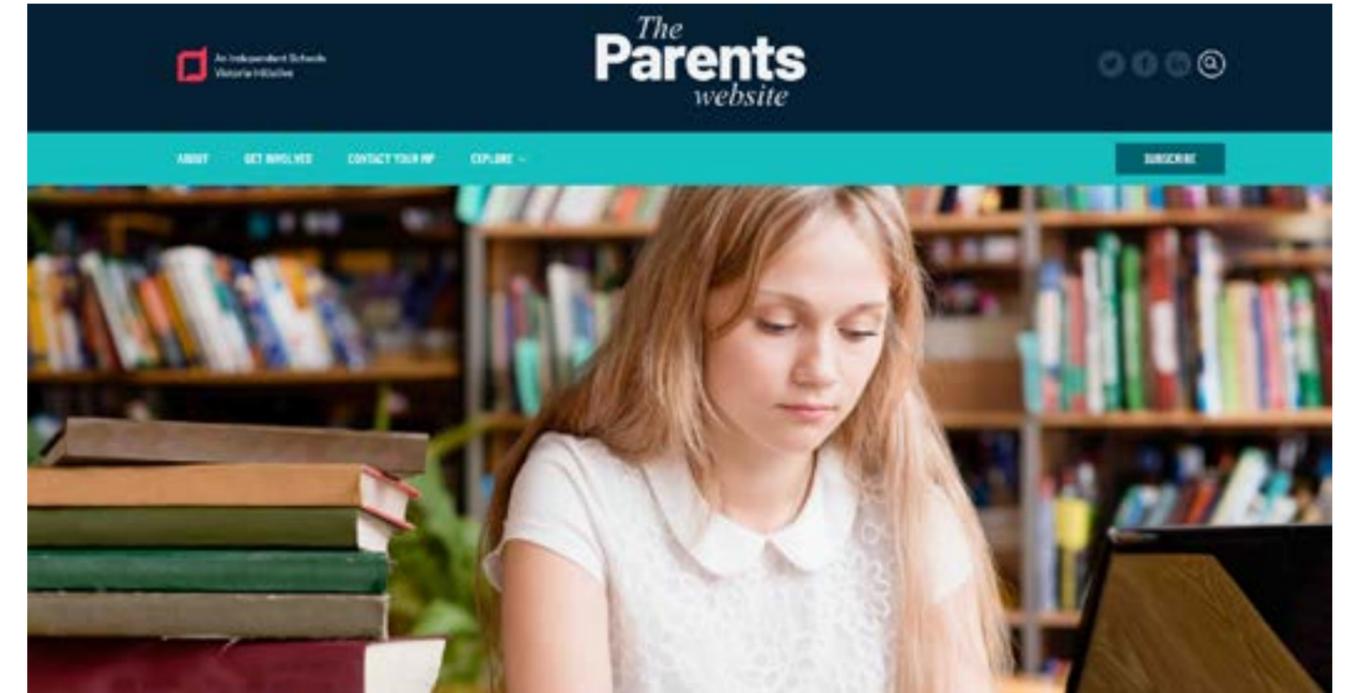
Homework Club

Homework Club is back in 2022. We look forward to seeing you all in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 5.00pm. Come as often as you like and stay as long as you like. We look forward to working with you.



Wellbeing Team

Resources & Tips



Assisting your student through their Year 11 & 12 studies can be an emotional time for parents and difficulties can arise on how to navigate your student through this time. Our recorded Parent Information Session can be found on our website www.milsen.vic.edu.au so you can refer back to the tips we have offered.

Another great link for parents to explore is "The Parents Website" which is an initiative of Independent Schools Victoria, providing a curated selection of news, features and resources for parents on raising and educating children. <https://theparentswebsite.com.au/stay-calm-and-carry-on-how-parents-can-help-their-vce-students/>

Wellbeing Links

School can be very overwhelming for families and individuals. It is important to check in with your student to support them on their learning journey.

Here are some websites and resources that could be helpful for you and your student in their senior years:

- <https://au.reachout.com/>
- <https://headspace.org.au/>
- <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>
- <https://www.ruok.org.au/>
- <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

If you should require additional support, please contact Mildura Senior College on (03) 5021 2911



Commencement Ceremony

Mildura Senior College

Commencement Ceremony was held a little differently this year to best protect our students in the everchanging coronavirus pandemic. The ceremony was restricted to Award Recipients, SRC and Student Leaders and was held during school hours. We were first entertained by Cooper Lehman's phenomenal Guitar Piece and followed by Jorja Taylor's National Anthem. The following students were recognised and inducted to SRC for 2022 and our Major Award Winners: Congratulations to all of our Subject Award Winners listed on Page 7:

Year 11		Year 12	
CORRIE	Tiarna	FERRY	Oscar
DOAN	Chi	GHIDINELLI-MATHESON	Sofia
ERNESTI	Jorja	GRAY	Alvhia
FERGUSON	Summer	GREWAL	Aran
GRIGG	Jordan	HEALY	Aadyn
HINES	Gemma	KARAKURT	Aylah
MCGLASHAN	Kaid	LUFFMAN	Tarryn
PEIRCE	Trey	MACKAY	Luke
ROBERTSON	Jayden	MCALIECE	Sophie
WARN	Abby	MITCHAM	Genevieve
WOODROFFE	Talia	NZIAMA	Jey
		PAPPIN	Mekhi
		PURDUE	Lachlan
BANKS-PURCELL	Nell	STRUBELJ	Frances
BARRETT	Jayshree	TYERS	Alicia
BEARD	Ella	ROBERTSON	Jayden
BORAM	Addie	WARN	Abby
CARTER	Indi	WOODROFFE	Talia

Award	Recipient
Mildura Senior College Sports Award	Ben Doherty
Monash Rural Health Award	Heather MacGillivray
MSC Leadership & Teamwork Award	Aadyn Healy
Freeman Scholarship (Maths & Science)	Sofia Ghidinelli-Matheson
Paige McCarthy-Beard Memorial award Sophie McAliece	Sophie McAliece
The Chaffey Brothers Award (sponsored by Mildura Upland Sister City Association)	Amber Khan
Mildura Senior College Pathway & Transition Award	Erin Garraway
Mildura Senior College Outstanding Achievement Award	Zoe Tonkin



Surname	First Name	Award
Anderson	Dylan	Literature Philosophy Mathematics - Further
Bailey	Joshua	Health & Human Development
Barbary	Lachlan	VCAL PD/Work
Barbuto	Kelsey	Sociology Psychology
Barclay	Eden	Studio Arts - Photography
Barling	Emily	VET Retail (CIR) VET Retail (MSC)
Barrett	Jayshree	English Accounting
Barsdell	Rebecca	VCAL Literacy Intermediate
Beard	Ella	English Global Politics History: 20th Century
Beattie	Rebecca	Health & Human Development
Bennett	Violet	Mathematics - Methods
Boram	Addie	Physical Education
Brien	Gabrielle	VCAL Literacy Intermediate
Brigante	Josie	Studio Arts - Contemp. Practice Mathematics - Further
Briggs	Poppy	Sociology VET Furniture Making Pathways
Burrows	Lara	Business Management
Cattermole	Jessica	VCAL Literacy Intermediate VCAL PD/Work Intermediate Business
Dean	Lachlan	Legal Studies
Dichiera	Milla	Sociology
Farrell	Finn	VET Hospitality stream - Year 1 VET Business
Fong	Davina	Business Management Mathematics - Further
Garraway	Erin	VET Building & Const 1st yr English
Gates-Mcgregor	Maddyn	English Art
Ghidinelli-Matheson	Sofia	Chemistry English
Gifford	Shawn	VET Furniture Making Pathways
Goldup	Lilly	Product Design & Tech - Textiles Business Management
Graham	Julian	VCAL Numeracy Intermediate
Gray	Alvhia	VCAL Numeracy Intermediate
Green	Amy	Psychology Biology
Handy	Ella	English (Pace)
Healy	Aadyn	Computing
Hicks	Allysha	VET Community Service Sociology
Hillier	Ryan	VCAL PD/Work Intermediate Trades
Huang	Xinyi	Chemistry Visual Communication & Design Mathematics - Methods
Hyder-Hobson	Tyler	Engage Retail Engage Literacy

Kelleher	Thomas	English
Kemp	Parker	VET Music Industry Year 1
Kennett	Nicholas	VET Building & Const 1st yr
Kiley	Abbey	Biology Mathematics - Further
Koloke	Stella	English Psychology
Langdon	Rachel	Biology
Macgillivray	Heather	VET Hospitality stream - Year 1 Biology
Mackay	Luke	Chemistry English Mathematics - Specialist
Marks	Alyssa	Outdoor & Environment Studies
Mattschoss	Logan	VET Engineering
Mazzini	Elisabeth	Health & Human Development
McDonald	Isabella	Physics English
Mitcham	Genevieve	History: 20th Century
Master	Eden	Drama
Nikolic	Riley	VET Fitness Year 1
Nishimwe	Alex	VET Engineering
Norton	Emily	Physical Education
Oldham	Isabel	Food Studies Biology
Orwell	Olivia	Mathematics - Further Health & Human Development
Palamara	Tess	Mathematics - Further
Patterson	Remi	VET Community Service
Purdue	Lachlan	Agriculture & Horticulture Mathematics - Further
Richards	Nikita	English
Riley	Mia	VCAL Literacy Intermediate
Riordan	Asha	VCAL Literacy Intermediate
Robertson	Mercedes	English VET Screen and Media
Rowe	Evette	Biology
Sandford George	Michael	VCAL Numeracy Foundation
Shammursaleen	Nayli	English - Additional Language
Sleader	Emma	VCAL Numeracy Intermediate VCAL PD/Work Intermediate Community and Health
Spary	Esther	Dance
Strubelj	Frances	English Psychology
Symes	Georgia	English
Taylor	Jorja	Music Performance Physical Education Mathematics - Further
Tresize	Evie	English
Turner	Jasper	Media Studies
Walsh	Kaitlynn	VET Fitness Year 1
Walter	Holly	VCAL PD/Work Intermediate Ag & Hort
Ward	Harrison	Mathematics - Further
Zahedi	Arzo	VCAL Foundation Retail VCAL Literacy Foundation VCAL PD/Work Foundation
Burling	Kayla	Legal Studies
Kurban Zweck	Maya	Mathematics - Further

To watch the recording of the Ceremony, please visit our YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/SneNsIL2jT8>

School Council Elections - Information for Parents

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences.

Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

A small number of school councils have Nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected Student member category, with two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections

SCHEDULE: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Mildura Senior College. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Monday, 14th February 2022. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Monday, 28th February 2022.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each *membership category open for election are as the table below.*

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

We are seeking nominations for 2 student representatives on our school council. Further information and nomination forms can be collected from Reception.

Nominations will close on Friday 4th March at 4:00pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL PUBLIC REPORTING MEETING

Mildura Senior College will hold it's Public Reporting Meeting online on Monday 7th March at 5:30pm.

To register your interest and receive a meeting link, please contact Natalie Wescombe on 5021 2911 or wescomben@milsen.vic.edu.au

Belinda Hudak
Principal

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	4
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1
Community member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	2

