



# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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**STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEW DAYS**  
**TUESDAY 27TH & WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH, 2018**  
**STUDENT FREE DAYS**

**END OF TERM 1—EARLY DISMISSAL**  
**Thursday 29th March, 2018**  
**Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm**  
**TERM 2 COMMENCES MONDAY 16TH APRIL, 2018**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

It's been a very busy term and start of the year at our College.

The Debaters Association Victoria 2018 season has started with our junior students (Years 8-9) who represented Montmorency Secondary College and participated in the first round of the Debating competition which occurred at Loyola College on Monday. There were 4 D grade teams and outstanding achievement, with all 4 of our teams winning their debates. We were awarded with 5 best speaker awards; congratulations to the following students; Delainie Dunmore/Sinclair, Tara Kinder, Spencer Waymire, Elliot Gyaw and Ruby Rizio and we are very proud of these students. All Students spent time preparing and practicing their speeches on 'Introducing non-sporting events into the Olympics'. They delivered speeches in a confident manner with strong points of contention. A big thank you to their teacher Amy Clark for the dedication she has shown in working closely with and preparing students for their debates.

We held our Year 7 Pastoral Care/Music Night on the 13<sup>th</sup> February and it was a great success. It was truly fantastic to see so many Year 7 students and their parents join home group teachers, to have a meet and greet and to discuss and share transition into Secondary schooling. The evening also presented information to parents on the advantages of studying music and joining the College Music Program, together with opportunities for parents and students to try a variety of musical instruments. A big thank you to our Junior School team under the leadership of Sonia Culcasi, Home Group teachers and our Music faculty for the preparation and smooth running of the evening.

We celebrated the leadership of women for International Women's Day with a breakfast that was run by our Local Member of Parliament; Vicki Ward and Hon Jenny Macklin on 4<sup>th</sup> March at CLC in Eltham. It was inspiring to see a large contingent of our students and staff, who hold major leadership roles within the College attend and celebrate this important day. Every year, at this breakfast Vicki Ward presents the International Women's Day Pauline Toner Prize, in memory of the wonderful achievements of Pauline Toner.

As was written and presented by Vicki Ward on the day, Pauline Toner was the first female cabinet minister in the Parliament of Victoria. As a member of the Labour Party, she was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1977, the first woman to represent our area. Pauline became the first Victorian female Minister, appointed Minister for Community Welfare Services from 1982 to 1985. She worked tirelessly on social justice, gender equality, and the protection of the environment. Her work continues to provide a legacy for women.

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM Cont...

Amongst a strong cohort of truly inspirational students from many local schools, we are immensely proud, to have one of our Year 12 school Captains and Interact President, Bridget Dorizzi awarded the Pauline Toner Prize for 2018.

Bridget's biography reads as follows:

*Bridget has been an exceptional leader, she is a stand out contributor within her local community. She has given back and been of service to others in a variety of ways, with a focus on fundraising for critical causes; including "Shave for a Cure", "Share the Dignity" & "Wheelchair for Kids". She has also worked to provide resources for an orphanage in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She has devoted countless hours to supporting vulnerable people and providing opportunities for others.*

We congratulate Bridget Dorizzi on receiving this wonderful prize and for her work in our local community. She is truly an inspiration to all of us. A very big thank you to our Local Member of Parliament Vicki Ward and Hon Jenny Macklin for hosting this wonderful annual event.



***Macy Houghton, Jenny Macklin, Chloe Giles, Lauren Giles, Sarah Van Putten, Vicki Ward, Bridget Dorizzi, Eden Boyd, Tanna Ridgeway, Johanna Ryan, Chayla Reeves, Chloe Robinson, Molly Siede, Bree Rushton***

Our Maths Information Night that was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March was an extremely successful evening and very well attended. We ran two information sessions, Junior/Middle and Senior Maths. Each session provided parents with a focus on information pertaining to the teaching and learning of maths at different year levels. Our Maths Leading Teacher; Steve Horn organised a presentation for the Junior/Middle school that breaks down the details of the text book, hot maths, Challenge and Bridging Maths and support structures in place such as the homework club and making sure that students feel comfortable seeing any maths teacher for help. For the Senior students, the presentation was focused on providing parents with information on the different streams of mathematics, where they lead and the pathways and support networks that are in place. Thank you to Mr Steve Horn for organising this highly informative session and our Maths faculty teachers for their support during the evening.

Our annual Athletics Carnival held on Tuesday and organised by Mr Bruce Collins was a successful day, with many students competing in athletic events, and all students supporting and encouraging one another. Students were dressed in colours and costumes that were very creative and represented their House colours, showing a commitment to and allegiance with their House Colour. The weather was mild and perfect for running sporting events.

Lastly, our student progress interview days are scheduled for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March of last week of Term. These days provide parents/guardians and students an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss progress within each subject area. Progress Interview Days are student free days and students are not required at school for timetabled classes. However, we encourage students to attend the progress interview together with parents/guardians.

Kind Regards,  
Clara Di Biase  
Assistant Principal

## VICKI WARD PRIZE

As a reward for winning the Vicki Ward Prize; an award honouring a student for their leadership skills across the entire year, I was given a voucher for two to sit in at a Parliament House High Tea by Vicki Ward, a member of the Parliament House.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, on the last week of school holidays my family and I headed in to the city to enjoy high tea at Parliament House. On the arrival, we were escorted into the Queen's Hall, greeted by the past Prime Ministers of Australia portraits, with a statue of Queen Victoria in the middle.

For the High Tea we were seated in the Stranger's Corridor. This seating area is situated right next to the members dining room. When those in Parliament bring in their wives, a friend or another family in for lunch they dine in the Stranger's Corridor because no one other than Parliament members are allowed to dine in the members lounge.

The High Tea began once we were seated. Champagne and tea was served and we were given the run down of the food to be served. On the two-tier plate we were provided with; three different types of sandwiches, passionfruit panna cotta, chocolate coffee cups and strawberry macaroons. Fruit and plain scones were also served with the condiments of lemon curd, strawberry jam and whipped cream on the side.

This experience was very enjoyable and worth going to. I would like to thank Viki Ward for such an amazing experience and I am honoured to say I have received the Viki Ward Prize.

Chayla Reeves 11C



## SHAVE FOR A CURE

**SHAVE FOR A CURE** will be held on Thursday 3rd May, 2018 at lunch time in the Gym.

Anyone wishing to participate can do so online using the following links to our College team site. General donations can also be made to the Montmorency Secondary College Team page which is:

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/montmorencysecondarycollege>

Students will need to register themselves via the World's Greatest Shave website and during sign up can select 'join existing team' and search for *Montmorency Secondary College*.

Hopefully this all makes sense, but please contact Ian Toohill at the College with any questions.

The fundraiser will culminate with the hair colouring and shaving (number 2 only) on 3rd May. Students can also provide hair of at least 30cm in length for wigs to be made for cancer patients.

Last year we raised over \$8000. Let's see if we can beat that figure this time.

As well as fundraising online students can collect a pledge form from the General Office and bring pledged money on 3rd May.

Any student wishing to shave must have a signed parental permission form, available from the general office.

**BE BRAVE AND SHAVE**



# SHREK

## THE MUSICAL JR.

The Montmorency Secondary College staff and students would like to announce this year's school production of 'Shrek Jr, The Musical'.

This modern classic challenges the stereotypical notions behind fairy tales and instead encourages the true strength of identity and love. With a strong and unforgiving character such as Fiona, or the loyal and excited character such as Donkey, the audience will be thrust into the fictional world of Duloc. The journeys that the students, teachers and characters embark on will be remembered by all.

Perfect for the College, this junior production does not imply childish ideas or themes, but rather a shorter one-act performance where the school community can come and be immersed in the fun and enjoyment that is the MSC School Production.

With 35 main roles, plus an ensemble, band and back-stage, more students will have the opportunity to show case their incredible singing, acting, dancing, instrumental and leadership skills to the school community.

Director Jason Mill, Choreographer Stephanie Short, Musical Director Sharon Cooke and all staff at MSC are extremely excited to be working with such passionate and proud students. School Productions always aim to assist students with their confidence, team-building skills and to challenge their creative minds.

Auditions and Call Backs are still in the process for the main roles. Sign-ups for the ensemble and back-stage will be coming soon.

Come and see the enjoyment for yourself this August in the school Auditorium.

### TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

Wed 21st March	7:30pm School Council
Sat 24th March	Relay For Life
Mon 26th March	Year 7 Immunisation
Tue 27th March	Student Progress Interview Day 1—Student Free Day
Wed 28th March	Student Progress Interview Day 2—Student Free Day
Thur 29th March	END OF TERM—Finish 1:22pm
Monday 16th April	Start of Term 2

**MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE  
OPEN NIGHT & SCHOOL TOURS**



**WEEKLY TOURS**

Small group tours and information sessions are conducted regularly at the College throughout February, March, April and May. Tours are capped in size to ensure each participant has a personalised tour. If you are considering enrolling your son or daughter at Montmorency Secondary College we warmly invite you to join us on a tour to see our College in action.

Bookings for College tours can now be made online via the College website

**[www.montysc.vic.edu.au](http://www.montysc.vic.edu.au)**

Please allow one ticket per person (adult or child) attending.

Maximum 3 tickets per family

If you need to cancel a booking please contact the General Office on 9422 1500.

**OPEN NIGHT AND INFORMATION EVENING**

**MONDAY 23RD APRIL, 2018**

**Student Progress Interviews**

**Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th**

**March, 2018**

Student Progress Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March** between 1pm to 5pm and 6pm to 8.30pm.

*Regular classes do not run on these days but students are expected to accompany their parents/guardians during their interviews.*

Student progress reports will be emailed to parents during the week beginning the 19th March. Parents are asked to ensure the College has an up-to-date email address. If you have not supplied or have recently changed your email address please update this using Xuno, the student parent portal.

The College will once again use the online booking system for interview times. This process is quite straightforward enabling parents to make appointments easily. Details of the booking procedure will be emailed with the reports.

Clara Di Biase  
Assistant Principal

**Junior and Middle  
School Homework Club  
2018  
(Year 7, 8 and 9)**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Junior and Middle Schools are offering a program to help Year 7, 8 and 9 students to keep up to date with their work. This program will run each Wednesday after school for 55 minutes from 3.20 until 4.15 p.m., beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> February in A5.

If your son/daughter would like the opportunity to undertake homework at school, teachers will be on hand to help them with their work.

Let me know if you wish to have your son/daughter permanently booked into the Homework Club each week via my email address

[stapleton.john.w@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:stapleton.john.w@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Alternatively, you can call me at school on 9422 1657.

Please leave a contact number or email address so that I can notify you if your son/daughter has not shown for Homework Club.

Teachers will also be booking in students who are getting behind in their work into this class. In this instance, a notice will go home for you to sign to give permission for your child to attend. Your son/daughter **must** return this notice to the teacher on duty.

In order to support teachers help keep all students up-to-date with their work, after school Co-Ordinator detentions are given to those students who do not have a valid reason for non-attendance.

Please contact me on the above email address or phone number if you would like more information.

J. Stapleton

On behalf of the Junior and Middle  
Schools

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunity that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sport teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

## NEW FOR 2018

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Please lodge your CSEF Application Form with the Bursar as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The CSEF program for 2018 closes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018.

**Contact the Bursar on 9422 1500 if you have any queries.**

The College is again participating in the 'Coles Sports for Schools' program this year.

The Promotion runs from 7th February until 11th May 2018 and for every \$10 customers spend at Coles supermarkets they will receive one *Sports for Schools* voucher. These vouchers are then redeemed for sporting equipment. If you shop at Coles, don't forget to collect your vouchers and place them in the box located in the general office at the College.

If you would like more details regarding this promotion please visit the website at [www.coles.com.au/sfs](http://www.coles.com.au/sfs) or contact Brigitte Hone at the general office.



# AUSTRALIAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Australian Student Leadership Conference was an experience that the four lucky students who attended are sure not to forget. Upon our arrival on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January we were shown our rooms, introduced to some of the mentors and there began the making of friends who we would be with for the next three extraordinary days. Initially, we all felt a sense of nervousness as to what would come in the next few days, however after meeting some of the amazing leaders from the other schools in Victoria that attended and getting into some ice-breakers, we were all relieved that we were definitely in the right place, and we may not have known it then, but we were in for some of the best days of our lives.

Day One was spent getting to know each other, finding our rooms and, for some, meeting our new roommates. Once we were settled, we all discussed the variety of qualities that a good leader exhibits and later listened to guest speaker, Bartholomew Walsh, who discussed the benefits of healthy eating, breathing exercises and ways in which we can be our best possible selves. Afterwards, we watched adds presented by the Blue Shirts and separated into our squad groups. In our squads, we formed even closer friendships and, over the next two days, worked together to complete different "secret missions" per group. At the end of the day, a disco was held at "Funky Town" which was full of groovy costumes from a variety of eras, interesting dance moves and funky music.

Day two was by far the longest day at the camp, totalling 17 hours worth of hard work and fun. However, the numerous hours were action packed, including a variety of activities and group bonding exercises. The public speaking workshop was a real stand out, and by far one of the most valuable lessons taught on the camp. It will certainly be of great help to us all throughout the year. After doing this workshop, I feel as though I have gained a higher level of confidence in my public speaking skills and the conference also helped to better my other leadership skills. I am very grateful to have had such an experience.

As the past two days had been filled with all sorts of fun activities and tasks designed to make us reach our potential, we expected nothing less from the last day. We were all exhausted from the long nights but many of us still woke up before 6:40 to experience tranquillity as we had our morning yoga and exercise class, giving us time to start the day off in a healthy manner. From there we had breakfast and were given time to polish our 'secret mission', with groups finishing the touches of their dance routine or cleaning up the design on the banner. Though we all wished we had more time to spend together the groups reluctantly finished their project and were once again sent to learn and dance from the Ylead staff.

After we had all finished learning for the day, our groups met for the final time to make preparations for the closing ceremony. Every group performed or explained their secret mission to everyone else on the conference, and to any teachers or staff who had come to witness this closing event. Once all the groups had finished presenting there was a surreal sense of accomplishment felt throughout every student there, a sombre yet excited finality to the long three days we had spent at the camp. At the conclusion of the conference we said our goodbyes to all the new friends we had made, with many tears being shed but even more joy being spread to everyone around us. It was an experience like no other.

Macy Houghton, Bridget Dorizzi, Cooper Houghton, Nic Frost



# Tuning in to Teens

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program  
for parents of adolescents  
aged 12 - 17 years



Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

*Tuning in to Teens* shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!



iParent is an excellent resource for parents of school aged children and has loads of information and tips about how to keep our students safe online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent>