



YEAR 7 CAMP PAYMENTS NOW OVERDUE

Final payment for Year 7 Camp is now overdue.

Please contact Lubby in the Bursar's office to make payment,
or if you have any queries, on 9422 1500.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

The beginning of the 2019 school year has been both exciting and positive for our College. I would particularly like to welcome our new Year 7 students, and our many new students and their families at other year levels who have relocated from other areas of Victoria, interstate and even overseas.



Year 7 Students enjoy the Alpha Program

I am pleased to report that our 2018 Year 12 students had an excellent year of academic achievement and our median VCE score was 30, which was one better than our 29 achieved by the 2017 students. We know that a six-year journey of learning and teaching takes place to achieve these impressive results and I congratulate our Year 12 students of 2018, and their teachers, for this excellent set of results.

Our 2019 student numbers are certainly an endorsement of the standing and positive direction the College has been taking in recent years. In 2018, we were successful in having a designated boundary and

cap on our total student numbers endorsed by the Department and Region. This year we have limited our Year 7 enrolments to 200 students, following on from 213 students in 2017 and 293 in 2018. Our numbers at all year levels have increased and, even with limiting our Year 7 numbers, our current student enrolments sit at 1079 students, 75 more than 2018. We continue to be very much a school of choice in our area.

At the end of 2018 we had five of our teaching staff leave the College and another six teachers take leave without pay for the 2019 school year.



Year 7 Students

Both Bronwyn Mackey and John Hallsworth left the College and retired from the Victorian Government Teaching Service after long and distinguished careers.

Jake Bloom and Natalie McDonnell were both promoted to Leading Teacher positions in other schools.

Lorraine McInerney returned to Thomastown Secondary College, her substantive position, after one year at Montmorency.

Gareth Young has been granted one semester's leave and will return to the College for Semester 2 this year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

For various reasons, the following five teaching staff have been granted leave for 2019, namely, Anna Sangmeister, Ben Sowden, Grant Dowler, Robert Blackham and Melanie Hunt.

Hence, in 2019 as a result of the staff who have retired, transferred, taken leave, and also due to enrolment growth, we have some new personnel to welcome to the College in 2019:

- Andrea Augoustou is joining our staff as an English teacher.
- Emma Banks will be teaching Mathematics and Psychology.
- Louise Byron will be an English teacher.
- Stuart Cameron has been appointed to teach Wood and Technology.
- Nicole Carbonaro will be teaching English.
- Bronwyn Curran is joining our staff to teach VCAL, Humanities and Art.
- Stuart Dower will be an English teacher.
- Zac Kapakoulakis will be teaching Mathematics and Science.
- Sharyn Leahy Hatton has been appointed to teach English and Psychology.
- Anna Luberto will be teaching French.
- Ben Maroni will be teaching Science.
- After a three year break Joshua Perez has rejoined our staff to teach Mathematics and Science.
- Madeleine Shearer is joining us as a graduate Physical Education teacher.
- Caedmon Stephenson will be teaching English.
- Adam Stevens has been appointed to teach Mathematics and Science.
- Gordon Hall has been assigned to the College as a computer technician for 2019.

For the first two days of the official school year, our staff was again involved in a comprehensive Staff Development Organisation Program. This program has been carefully planned to achieve excellent outcomes and the best possible start to the 2019 school year for all students. This included insightful presentations to the staff by the Principal Team and staff leaders. This was also very beneficial to the 15 new members of staff who have come on board this year.



Year 7 students enjoy a healthy lunch as part of their first day.

The Alpha Program, to commence the school year for Year 7 and 8 students, ran on the first two days of term. This program was again very successful in allowing home group teachers to build and establish valuable relationships with students, setting them up with timetables, lockers, home rooms, new friends and all the necessary imperatives to ensure a smooth and meaningful start to the year. On the afternoon of Friday 29th March, there will be a follow-up session (Elevate) of this program for our Year 7 students.

On another highly positive note, I draw your attention to our tenth Annual Awards Evening, held on the 20th December, 2018 at the Planetshakers Convention Centre in Lower Plenty. Again it was a true celebration of 'Pride in Achievement'. Congratulations to Awards Co-ordinator, Leading Teacher, Kim Faulkner, and our awards team of dedicated staff for their wonderful support in organising such an outstanding event. Also impressive were our student leaders and former students who presented to award recipients. It was very affirming to have former high profile students as presenters and I

would like to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution on the evening; Oscar Anderson, Tarsha Lee, Elias Moufarrej, Jaimie Pollock, Elise Bartlett, Sara Regan and Ilana Altas.

The audience were also given a motivating and wonderful speech by Jaimie Pollock with some insights into her highly valued school life and how it has helped shape her career and growth as a very impressive young person. There is a comprehensive account of our award recipients in our annual College magazine, Montage 2018. Very soon students who ordered and paid for a copy of the magazine, will receive it and congratulations to Leading Teacher, Michelle Clark and a group of students who produced this exciting publication.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...



Luke Zeliff

I would like to congratulate Year 8 student, Luke Zeliff, who, in January of this year, won a bronze medal at the South East Asia Short Track Speed Skating Trophy in Singapore. Also, in December, Luke won the Victoria Ice Racing Association 2018 Most Improved Male Athlete of the Year. I am sure we will be hearing much more about Luke's sporting achievements.

Our annual SRC Conference was held last December, 12th 13th and 14th at the College in 2018, apart from a team-building session to 'Inflatable World' which was obviously off-site. This included 300 students and 50 'Blue Shirts' led by Leading Teacher, Kim Faulkner, and teacher Hamish Yule.

This was a most impressive event and, led by Karen Giles, the group catered for themselves. A guest presenter ran most of the team-building games and our ex-student 'Blue Shirts' ran most of the elective sessions. At the conference, our students also determined the charities, causes, events and actions for the 2019 school year that the SRC will undertake.

I am very pleased to report that Leading Teacher, Caitlin Penrose, has been appointed to the prestigious position of State Reviewer for Units 3 and 4 Coursework with the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority for 2019. Also with this authority, Caitlin has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Text Advisory Panel which chooses the texts for VCE English.

In terms of our \$14m redevelopment and building program, a lot of work has gone on over the last 4 weeks and both the old B Block and A Block have taken shape and are going to be fairly spectacular teaching and learning and office areas. We gained a certificate of occupancy only the afternoon before the students returned so that we could use B Block. We are hopeful that A Block will be ready to use before the end of term, and then let the landscaping begin.

We held our Year 7 Pastoral Care and Music Program recruitment evening on Tuesday 12th February and it was a great success. It was great to see so many new 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 led by Sonia Culcasi, Year 7 Home Group teachers and Sharon Cooke and our Music Faculty for the preparation and smooth running of the evening.

On Wednesday 13th February a special Badge Presentation Ceremony was held in the College Auditorium. The assembly was conducted by our four College Captains and was also attended by a number of parents, grandparents and staff. The achievements of 67 student leaders were acknowledged and badges were presented to Middle School Captains, Middle School Leaders, Senior Leaders, and also Senior and Middle School House Captains. Former students and student leaders Daniel Hickey and Ruby Panozzo addressed the group and spoke about their own motivation and experiences as student leaders.

On Thursday 7th February, we again held our annual House Swimming Carnival at Doncaster Aquarena. This was very well attended by students who mostly dressed in their House colours and there were some amazing performances in the pool. The weather was great and it was a most enjoyable day for students, staff, parents and grandparents who attended. Thank you to all staff and especially Mr Bruce Collins, our sport so-ordinator for his hard work and organisation that resulted in such a successful event.



We are undertaking a School Review this term. This was supposed to occur in 2018, but was delayed by the Regional Office who are running late with their reviews. Out of this review, with input from all sections of our College community, we set our Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. Our scheduled reviewer, Mary-Anne Pearce, resigned from the position in the last week of the 2018 school year. We now have a new reviewer appointed, Victoria Triggs. Victoria was a previous Regional Director from our Region and she is familiar with our College as it was some 15 years ago. We have begun the process of student, staff and parent focus group discussions which will provide valuable feedback and information for their review which will be completed by the end of term one.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of a former teacher and great advocate of Montmorency Secondary College, Philip Gardner. Philip resided in Montmorency and taught English at the College in the 1970s. Philip was a passionate advocate of State Government Education and had a wonderful career, retiring as the Principal of Doncaster East Secondary College some ten years ago. He was also a highly acclaimed musician and guitarist, performing at all the major folk festivals throughout Australia for many years. I have been constantly heartened by his insightful and encouraging comments and reflections about the achievements and progress of our College. Phillip was very highly regarded in educational circles throughout Australia and we will certainly miss him.

Later in this newsletter, there is an article on our College Council elections which take place at this time every year. Parent, staff and student representatives are selected for two years and this is a vital part of our College governance. As such, I urge all parents and students who are interested to consider nominating. There is also comprehensive information on our website about the process.

Regards

Allan Robinson
Principal

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

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

Maximum 3 tickets per family

If you need to cancel or change a booking please contact the General Office on 9422 1500. Bookings can also be made through the General Office.

OPEN NIGHT AND INFORMATION EVENING **TUESDAY 30TH APRIL, 2019**



Learn the piano!

Research has found learning an instrument improves educational outcomes.

Learning to play the piano is not only enjoyable - it helps your child in every aspect of their education.

Private Lessons (1 on 1) are available for Montmorency students in 2019

during school hours or at your home
(if limits are exceeded at school)

Limited places are still available for next year.

For further information:
Joanne Siegersma (B.Mus.Ed, Melb)
Very experienced at ensuring students enjoy lessons and achieve pleasing results.
Ph: 9431 0555
Email: josieg53@gmail.com

2019 YEAR 7 CAMP DATES

Camp 1:	Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd February	7A, 7C
Camp 2:	Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th February	7B, 7D, 7G
Camp 3:	Wednesday 27th to Friday 1st March	7E, 7F, 7H

Monty's 2019 School Production Announced!

The rock comedy horror musical *Little Shop Of Horrors* is taking the stage at Montmorency Secondary College in 2019. Hapless Seymour, a mere flower shop assistant, discovers an unusual plant, which he dubs Audrey II, named after his ditzzy co-worker, who he has long harboured feelings for. He soon discovers the plant only feeds on human flesh and blood. After he feeds Audrey's late boyfriend, Orin, to the plant, Seymour soon realises that he is going to have to find more bodies for this bloodthirsty plant... and soon.

Auditions were early this year for the students at MSC. As well as there being many familiar faces, there were many new and eager Year 7s, as well as other older students who were willing to give it a try this year. Everyone was nervous, but we were already starting to act like a big family; from interesting conversations with new people, to everyone singing along to Bohemian Rhapsody, played on the piano.

Moving on to the actual auditions, there were so many great voices and amazing talent. Congratulations to everybody who put in the effort and gave it a go. We know that everybody gave it their best shot, and we hope everyone can join us on stage for a spectacular performance that will "leaf" you wanting more.

Written by Holly Jackson and Tess Baldwin, 8F



CAST

SEYMOUR - Spencer Waymire
AUDREY - Matilda Sinfield-Jones
MR. MUSHNIK – Patrick Reichenbach
ORIN - Daniil Rauzin
VOICE OF AUDREY II TBC
CRYSTAL, RONNETTE and CHIFFON, Ava Keiper, Vanessa Wilson, Holly Jackson
Back up to Trio - Tess Baldwin, Jasmine Stone, Rachel Johnston, Charli Manley-Breen,
Scarlett Uhlmann, Sienna Brent,
CUSTOMER – Ben Milkins
RADIO ANNOUNCER – Callum Dorsett
MR. BERNSETIN - TBC
MRS. LUCE - TBC
SKIP SNIP - Sing – Eric Watkins

ENSEMBLE

Miller Flentjar, Bri Deans, Emma Kearsey, Nekiesha Christie, Sophia Church, Erin Tierney, Siobhan Griffiths, Amy Baldwin, Charlotte Freestone, Alys Nicklin, Poppy Phillips, Dylan Connolly, Kendra Ashlin-Davis, Cara Licciardo, Elise Waldram, Zara Osborn, Kayla Waldram, Kira Lemire, Emilija Petkovska, Jayda Shaw, Amber Hale, Rebecca Turner, Logan Farrell, Zane Saavedra, Scarlett McLean, Tyson Alder, Rylee Saavedra, Ben Milkins, William Adcock, Holly Leaman, Hudson McLean, Jackson Smith, Jesse Pickering



NEPALESE THEMED DINNER DANCE

Together with Eltham Rotary Club, the Interact Club at our College is hosting a dinner dance on **Thursday 9 May** in the College Gymnasium in aid of a school building facility in Kathmandu Nepal. Eltham Rotary Club, which has supported student programs at Montmorency Secondary College for several decades is raising funds and sending teams to Nepal over the next two years to build a new building for a vocational training college. The Club has teamed up with Global Action Abroad, a local Non-Government Organisation, to assist Global Action Nepal to provide this critical facility, which will equip Nepalese teenagers with trade skills. Skills sorely needed for a nation still recovering from a devastating earthquake.

The dinner dance will have a Nepalese theme with a key note speaker, cultural dance items, a professional jazz band, Nepalese food, a silent auction and raffle; all for approximately \$60 (price to be confirmed). We aim to raise \$5000 for the project.

The event is open to the whole college community, friends and family as well as Rotarians. Bookings will be by Try bookings, with a link provided shortly.

Let us get behind our College interact Club, which is now in its 21st year and come along to enjoy what promises to be a fabulous night for a great cause. Enquiries can be directed to Ian Toohill at MSC or directly on 0414 359 365.

Jade Upton

Ian Toohill

Junior and Middle School Homework Club 2019 (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 13th February in the Resource Centre.

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

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 Coordinator detentions will be given to those students who do not have a valid reason for non-attendance.

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

John Stapleton
On behalf of the Junior and Middle
Schools



For the 11th year in a row, the Interact Club at our College is running a 'Shave for a Cure' fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation. Over that time, a total of some \$50,000 has been raised.

The event will be in the Gymnasium over an extended lunch, on Friday 29 March.

Permission forms for anyone brave enough to shave are at the general office, along with sponsorship forms. All students are encouraged to encourage family and friends to donate on line via the attached link to the school site, where I am the team Captain. Alternatively, you can complete a sponsorship form and bring it along with the money raised to the event on 29 March.

For those who are not brave enough to shave there are two other options. Cut 30cm off your log hair and donate it for a wig, for someone who has lost their hair due to chemotherapy, or simply colour your hair, on the day. The dye washes out easily.

Let's get on board and beat last year's total of \$4,100.

Jade Upton—Interact Club President 2019

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

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 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 2019 or you did not apply in 2018
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Please lodge your CSEF Application Form with the Bursar as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The CSEF program for 2019 closes on the 28th June, 2019.

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

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Montmorency Secondary College.

There are four (4) Parent Member Category vacancies on the Montmorency Secondary College School Council in 2019. Council also has the option of co-opting a community representative if it sees the need. I would urge parents to seriously consider nominating for this important opportunity. It is vital that we have a full contingent of members, particularly in the Parent and Community categories. We know that many of you lead extremely busy lives, however, it is not a big time commitment and the opinion, input and feedback that Parent Members provide, is both positive and essential.

Parents of students at the College who are employed by the Department of Education and Training (DE&T) can nominate as a parent representative as long as they do not teach at the school where they nominate.

Following on from this article, is a Fact Sheet from the Department of Education and Training which may answer any questions you have regarding nominating for School Council.

Nominations for the Parent Member Category of the Montmorency Secondary College School Council will open 9.00am Monday 18th February, 2019 and close at 4.00pm on Monday 25th February, 2019. The term of office is for two years, commencing in March 2019. A nomination form is attached to the end of this Newsletter for your convenience.

Please return nomination forms to Rose Taranto by 4.00pm Monday 25th February, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the School Council elections, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9422 1500.

Also at this time, nominations are being sought for the Student Member Category of School Council. There is one (1) vacancy in this category this year and all students are encouraged to nominate. Further information will be emailed to students separately. If your child would like to nominate for the Student Member Category of School Council, you may find the information on Page 9 and 10 helpful.

Allan Robinson
Principal

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 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.

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.

Contact the principal for further information.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN SEEKING ELECTION TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. School councils are legal entities that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Orders and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. 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 all schools with a student cohort of year 7 and above, there are four possible categories of school council membership:

A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Parents and Guardians of children attending the school are eligible for membership in this category.

A mandated elected DET employee member 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 a member of this category.

A mandated elected Student member category (2 positions) – members of this category are enrolled at the school and in year 7 or above.

An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or expertise. DET employees are not eligible to be a Community member.

How long is the term of office?

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 Student membership so important?

Students have a unique perspective on learning, teaching and schooling. Electing Student members onto school council allows all students to have a say in the future direction of their school and ensures student input into decision making.

Mandating student representation onto school councils will assist in the development of students' skills, including leadership skills, and communication skills.

Does my child need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them in order to perform their duties as a councillor.

Student members are encouraged to attend the Department's free face-to-face Improving School Governance

school council training to support them to undertake their role. Training is also available online.

What does my child need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the start of Term 1 each year.

If your child decides to stand for election, they can arrange for a student in Year 7 or above to nominate them as a candidate or they can nominate themselves for the Student member category.

Once the nomination form is completed, it should be returned to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. A Nomination Form Receipt will be issued following the receipt of the completed nomination.

Unlike the Parent or DET employee member categories, if two Student member positions are available and in the first call for nominations only one nomination is received, the student is not automatically declared elected. The principal will immediately post, in a prominent place in the school, a notice calling for further nominations. These nominations are to be received within three school days from the closing of the first call for nominations.

If after the second call for nominations one other nomination is received, then both students are appointed to council.

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.

The principal will distribute ballot papers and will provide clear instructions to the voters and candidates. Voters may only vote once in a ballot. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to council.

School council meetings

School councils must meet at least eight times a year and at least once per school term. The president chairs all meetings and all members of the council are expected to attend.

Councillors can attend meetings in person or by videoconferencing or teleconferencing.

Following the school council elections, council members will determine an appropriate time and location to hold meetings throughout the year. For example, council may agree that meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each month in the school library.

For most school councils, meetings are located at the school and are held in the evening to ensure the majority of members can attend. Meetings typically last for around 2.5 hours.

You will need to discuss and arrange transport options to and from the meeting with your child. The school council does not provide transport.

The principal (in consultation with the school council president) will ensure an agenda is prepared for each regular meeting and distribute the agenda, draft minutes from the previous meeting and meeting papers such as sub-committee reports, principal's and president's report to school council members no less than five days before the meeting. All members, including Student members are expected to read all documents and prepare in advance of each meeting.

Conflict of Interest

If your child, as a member of council, or their immediate family has a direct conflict of interest (including a pecuniary* interest) in a matter under discussion at a school council meeting, that member must declare the conflict of interest and must not be present during the discussion unless invited to do so by the person presiding at the meeting.

*For this purpose, pecuniary is defined as: relating to or consisting of money.

Can I attend council meetings with my child?

School council meetings are normally open to the school community. Visitors or observers can be present at a council meeting with prior agreement of the principal and a decision of council. A request to attend must be forwarded either to the principal or president.

There may be times when, for the purpose of confidentiality or other reasons, a council meeting needs to be closed and only the appointed members can attend.

I am a parent member of the council. Can I be a member of the same council as my child(ren)?

Yes, relatives are allowed to be members of the same council.

What if my child cannot attend a council meeting?

If a member is unable to attend a meeting, an apology should be submitted to the principal prior to the meeting.

A member of the school council may apply in writing to the president for extended leave of up to three consecutive meetings.

What if my child decides they no longer want to be a member of council?

The Department strongly encourages students to consider the time commitment of being on council prior to running for election.

Your child should discuss resigning from council with the principal or school council president.

A school councillor is required to formally submit their resignation from council in order to no longer be considered a member.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the Code of Conduct issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty)

act in good faith in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds)

act fairly and impartially (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest)

use information appropriately (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available)

use the position appropriately (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage)

act in a financially responsible manner (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions)

exercise due care, diligence and skill (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school)

comply with relevant legislation and policies (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law)

demonstrate leadership and stewardship (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

For further information please contact the school principal.

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JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday 24 February

Fed Square 11:30am - 5:30pm

The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival returns again in 2019 to transform Federation Square into a Japanese village, full of traditional music, food and art. We hope that you can all attend this exciting event on February 24th and enjoy all that Japan has to offer. Free admission

www.jcism.org.au/fest



VET (Vocational Education Training)

All students undertaking a VET course should have started by the end of this week. We have a large number of students across Year 10 – 12 undertaking a VET course. It is important students make the most of the opportunities they have, as a lot of work has gone into juggling their individual timetables to cater for their VET course by the Year level Leaders. All VET students will have spare periods within their Timetables, it is crucial that they use this time for study. Students who do not use this time appropriately run the risk of having their VET course cancelled and returning to a full timetable at Montmorency. If a student is unable to attend their VET course due to illness/appointment they must contact Montmorency Secondary College, not the VET Provider. When students are marked absent at their VET course an automatic email will be sent to families and Montmorency. It is imperative that students are punctual to VET class, as once the rolls are marked at the start of the lesson, the email automatically sends. If you decide you no longer wish to continue with your VET course, you must contact Mr Weeding by Wed 20th Feb. Students undertaking VET with VCE must ensure they communicate to the Senior School and their teacher's regarding full day events (First Aide/Scaffolding). The Senior School will organise SAC's and exams around these times.

Michael Weeding
VCAL/VET Coordinator

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 10 students complete a compulsory 5 day work experience placement starting on Monday 13th May, 2019. Students have been given the 'Work Experience Student Form'. This form must be returned to the Senior School as soon as the arrangements are made. The legal documentation required for Work Experience will then be generated.

Students struggling to find a suitable placement can see Mr. Bennett, Ms. Curran or Mr. Weeding for assistance.

All work experience placements must be arranged by the 29th March, 2019.

TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

Wed 20th—Fri 22nd February	Year 7 Camp 1—7A, 7C
Mon 25th—Wed 27th February	Year 7 Camp 2—7B, 7D, 7G
Wed 27th —Fri 1st March	Year 7 Camp 3—7E, 7F, 7H
Fri 1st March	Nillumbik Swimming
Tue 5th March	Athletics Carnival
Mon 11th March	Labour Day
Wed 13th March	7:30pm School Council
Fri 15th March	Whole School Assembly
Sat 23rd & Sun 24th March	Relay For Life
Mon 25th March	Year 7 Immunisation
Wed 27th March	Student Progress Report Distributed
Wed 27th March	NMR Swimming
Thur 28th March	Year 7 Parent Night
Fri 29th March	Shave for a Cure
Tue 2nd April	Student Progress Interview Day 1
Wed 3rd April	Student Progress Interview Day 2
Fri 5th April	END OF TERM—Finish 1:22pm

SNAKE ALERT

An urgent and important reminder to all students who travel to and from school using the Plenty River path or the sports ovals that they need to be aware tiger snakes are usually active at this time of the year, and that for the last six years they have been very aggressive during hot weather. Environmental experts predict that snake sightings have again become more prevalent this year. I have spoken to a field officer from the City of Banyule, and he said that short bursts of warm weather and sunshine resulted in snakes emerging from the scrub near the river and sunning themselves on paths and concrete surfaces. We have also had some Council warning signs installed near the river paths warning pedestrians to “Beware of Snakes”.

In February some nine years ago one of our own students was bitten by a snake while walking near the river path at Simms Road Oval, and he spent a considerable amount of time in hospital. There are now warning signs along the path but all students and pedestrians need to exercise extreme caution when travelling to and from school along the river tracks. It is comforting to know that we have a great network of neighbours and pedestrians who use the river path and if there are any sightings of snakes they let the College know immediately.

Take special care,
Allan Robinson—Principal

SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

Parents and families are encouraged to have Ambulance Fund Membership as any trip in an ambulance is considerably expensive.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Likewise the school does not currently hold accident insurance for students.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with an insurance provider.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.



MUSIC NEWS

The music department has started the year in full swing, having had 2 performances already.

Many thanks to Imogen Pricor and Margaret Wozniack for performing 'Cherry Wine' at the first whole school assembly on Monday 11th Feb. These VCE music students performed with skill, confidence and conviction. Their hours of practice well rewarded. A great way to start the year.

On Tuesday 12th Feb our new Year 7 students to the school and their parents had a wonderful evening meeting their homegroup teachers and having a demonstration from our music department. On arrival they were met with our string students battling the wind performing outside, showing great perseverance. More entertainment was supplied by Julian Sinfield-Jones playing guitar in the beautiful new B-block atrium. Following a meeting in home rooms, there was a short presentation by our brass and woodwind students playing 'Havana', then Lauchlan Barnes soloing on saxophone, Imogen Pricor soloing on viola and finally a bass and drum demonstration. There has been a fantastic response for instrumental music lessons and places are filling quickly. If you have not got a form in, its not to late. Collect a yellow form from the general office. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.



Instrumental lessons for Y8-12 have commenced. Students need to check the timetables from their instrumental teacher.

Ensemble rehearsals have also begun this week. Anyone learning outside the school are welcome to join in the enjoyment of making music with others. Don't hesitate to come to the music department to enquire.

Monday	Concert Band Vocal Ensemble
Wednesday	String Ensemble Junior Band
Friday	Guitar Ensemble Senior Band

Looking forward to an exciting year of music ahead.

Sharon Cooke
Music coordinator

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW 2019

1st MARCH
AVALON AIRPORT,
GEELONG, VICTORIA

The Student Information Forum will be held in conjunction with the 2019 Australian International Airshow on Friday 1 March. It will feature key industry employers and young ambassadors who will detail careers pathways in the aerospace, aviation and defence industries.

Teachers and students will have the opportunity to hear from these speakers and afterwards the teachers and students will be able to stay on and visit the exhibition and displays on the ground.

This opportunity will afford a wonderful experience for students to compare and appraise the various career opportunities in the exciting world of aerospace, aviation and space.

Students in year 10 – 11 are invited to a STUDENT INFORMATION FORUM on careers in aviation, aerospace and defence on Friday 1 March 2019

Learn about the career opportunities

Found out where the jobs are

Understand the skills and training pathways required

Hear from young people currently working in the industry

The Careers and Skills Program is run to promote the interest in careers in Australia's aviation, aerospace, technology, space and defence industries and the Australian defence force, the not-for-profit group headed by Aerospace Maritime, Defence and Security Foundation of Australia Limited (AMDSFA) will conduct a Careers & Skills forum in conjunction with the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (**AIRSHOW 2019**).

The aim of this Careers & Skills Forum is to inform students of the opportunities that exist in the aviation, aerospace, space, and defence sectors, and to provide useful information concerning the STEM educational pathways that are involved.

Students interested in attending this day must express their interest ASAP

Mr Weeding
Careers & Pathways Coordinator



*bound to industry
bound to succeed*



Montmorency Secondary College Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in the Experience days listed below. These are excellent for students who are considering following these pathways post school. There are only a handful of students that can attend these students from each school. The event is free including travel by bus. Please see Mr Weeding (Careers & Pathways) if you are interested.

Date: Thursday 30 May 2019

Location: Broadmeadows

(bus will pick and return students to Montmorency)

1. Hospitality & Bakery
2. Construction & Electrotechnology
3. Construction & Logistics
4. Animal Studies & Sciences
5. Justice & Security

Date: Thursday 1 August

Location: Docklands (students will travel by Train with a teacher from Montmorency to Docklands)

1. Motor Sports & Paint/Panel
2. Auto Mechanical & Auto Electrical



www.montmorency careers.com

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It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you
need with Career Planning and help.

CHECK IT OUT NOW!

Mr Michael Weeding



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Victoria Police Work Experience Program 2019



We wish to advise that applications for Terms 3 and 4 of the 2019 Victoria Police Work Experience Program will open from **midday on Monday 11 February 2019**.

The Victoria Police Work Experience Program provides a fantastic opportunity for secondary school students considering a career within Victoria Police. Students are placed at participating police stations and department units where they will have the opportunity to observe and learn from our Police Officers, Protective Services Officers, Protective Custody Officers and VPS personnel.

It is strongly advised that only students with a genuine interest in a career with Victoria Police are nominated for the program.

Applications will close **4:00pm Friday 15 March 2019**. No applications will be accepted after this time.

Program Guidelines

Nominations are to be submitted through careers teachers only. Each school can nominate one student to participate in the program for the school year. Schools with multiple campuses across various suburbs may nominate one student per campus.

Students must be a minimum of 15 years of age at the time of placement and completing Year 10 or above. Placements are only offered to those students studying Year 10, 11 or 12.

Placements are scheduled between 15 July 2019 through to 29 November 2019. Placements outside these dates will not be arranged.

Placements take place for one week only (five consecutive business days). Placements cannot be scheduled during a week that contains a public holiday.

Applications will only be considered if all required forms are completed correctly and signed accordingly.

Please contact;

Michael Weeding
Careers Coordinator
Montmorency Secondary College
94221625



Work Experience

The RACV City Club is proudly once again continuing our sought after work experience program throughout 2019.

We are searching for young students wishing to enter the culinary workforce who are looking for a career, not just a job.

We strongly believe that if the students have the passion and the determination, we can help with the skills.

The students will undertake a range of duties in four of our main kitchens:

- Bistro – casual, a la carte dining
- Banqueting – various types of functions
- Pastry – everything sweet
- MDR – fine dining

Each kitchen is very different and our program provides students with the unique opportunity to experience to each kitchen and what it has to offer.

At the conclusion of the work experience program, we will invite teachers and students to attend an end of year celebration. We will reach out to standout students to determine if they are still interested in a culinary career, and if so, look at the possibility of providing work as a casual cook. This will assist the student in determining if this really is the career for them. Following on from that, there is a possibility that an apprenticeship will be offered after a few months if a suitable student is identified from the casual cook pool.

We have developed some wonderful relationships with schools over the years and had the pleasure of gaining some fantastic apprentices – we look forward to continuing to see this grow.

**501 Bourke
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W: www.racv.com.au/club**

CAREERS NEWS



Are you...

- * An animal lover?
- * Interested in farming, gardening & getting outdoors?
- * Considering a future course or career with animals?
- * In Years 7 - 9 at school?

If you answered **YES** to all of these then **PATCH** sounds right for you!

PATCH: Farming and Environment Workshops run once a term at Bundoora Park Farm and include activities such as feeding animals, seasonal planting and harvesting, visits to our wildlife reserve, working on farm projects and much more. It is a drop off, pick up program and is fully supervised by our experienced program leaders.

The first workshop for 2019 starts on **Sunday 3rd March, 10am - 3pm**

Go to: bundoorapark.com.au for more info!

2019 WORKSHOP DATES

Term 1: Sunday 3rd March

Term 3: Sunday 18th August

Term 2: Sunday 26th May

Term 4: Sunday 17th November



WORKSHOP COST & BOOKINGS

\$50.00 per participant (10am - 3pm)

Book online: bundoorapark.com.au

Bookings are essential

T: (03) 8470 8164

F: bundoorapark.educationteamleader@darebin.vic.gov.au

Year 10 Montmorency Secondary Students have been invited to participate in the 2019 Melbourne Connect program hosted by the University of Melbourne. Offered to select schools only in the city's metropolitan regions, Melbourne Connect encourages students to explore their future study options by connecting them to current University of Melbourne students who lived and studied in the local area. By sharing examples of successful transitions to university life from students of similar backgrounds, Melbourne Connect helps to foster the aspirations of students motivated to pursue tertiary study. The on-campus Discover Melbourne day focuses on HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences). If you are interested please contact Mr Weeding ASAP.

Discover Melbourne HASS—Year 10 students

Wednesday 26 June

9.30am – 2.30pm

Parkville Campus

Mr Weeding—Careers & Pathways



Schedule 5A: Self-nomination form for Parent member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a Parent member on the <i>(school council)</i>

Name

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement	Yes <i>(Mark with</i>	No <i>(Mark with</i>
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training and not engaged in work at and for the school:		

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate

Date:	
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You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: 9422 1500

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.