



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

On Monday 21st October, as is the custom at our College, we held a special farewell assembly for our Year 12 Class of 2019. The assembly was conducted and organised by our student leaders with the guidance of Leading Teacher, Kim Faulkner and the Student Representative Council. Our Year 12 students were excited, amusing and highly entertaining in their reflections and celebration of their time at the College and the messages and modelling they imparted to their fellow students, were both positive and a true reflection of our College values. Following the assembly, our Year 12 students, together with the Senior School Co-ordination team and Year 12 mentors, were bussed to Whittlesea Fun Fields to celebrate together and let off steam on their last day of secondary school in a fun-filled environment. Following this, our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was held on the evening of Thursday 24th October in our Gymnasium Hall. There was a packed audience of family, friends and their teachers to honour their six year journey of secondary school and wonderful achievement for our Year 12 students. The 2019 Year 12 teachers presented a book prize to the top student in each of the subjects and a number of major awards were also announced and presented.

Our four College Captains, Callum Dorsett, Tanna Ridgeway, Chloe Robinson and Ryan Siede, were acknowledged with the *College Captain Award*. Chayla Reeves was announced as the winner of the *Caltex All Rounder Award*. This year we had three *Citizenship Awards*, namely Eden Boyd, Keira Gillottie and Ben Stewart. *Leadership Awards* were won by Jason Le and Chayla Reeves. Nicola Roberts won the *Jackson Lee Memorial Award* and Campbell Smooker won the *SBAT Award*. The VET Award was won by Jonathan Thompson. Congratulations to all of these very deserving students. Our Senior School staff, led by Deb Metcalfe and Kerryn Robinson, is also to be congratulated on another quality and well-received event.



In Week 4 of this term, it was our 'Arts Alive' festival and a real celebration of our performing and creative arts programs and students' talents and achievements. On the Monday, we held our Music Performance Night in the Auditorium to a full house of parents, guardians, grandparents and family members. The evening was co-ordinated by Instrumental Music Director and Music Faculty Leader, Sharon Cooke. Our dedicated team of instrumental teachers proudly presented their students to perform and they did so in wonderful fashion. At the conclusion of the performances, awards were presented for

instrumental music and it was most rewarding to witness the emerging talent and passion for music by our junior students, and the outstanding accomplishments of our senior music students.

On the Tuesday evening, we held the official opening of our Creative Arts 'festival' in the Gymnasium/Hall and our Art, Technology, Drama and Music staff were present to celebrate the achievements of their students. Awards for the top students in these subjects were awarded and presented. This year the awards and evening were led by Art and Technology teacher, Claire Mooney, and an impressive display of quality creative artwork was also officially opened.

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Awards were also presented to students who participated in our annual Primary School Art competition from local primary schools. A large audience of parents, guardians, grandparents and family members, students and teachers joined together to celebrate an outstanding level of teaching and learning, as well as the artistic achievement and talent of our students.



Congratulations to our Year 8 Mixed Baseball team who became State Champions at the Victorian State Schools Sports Association

Last week our Year 8 Mixed Baseball team became the State Champions at the Victorian State Schools Sports Association finals. The finals were held at the Kingston Heath Reserve in Cheltenham and our team was Jack Andrew, Jordan Baker, Bailey Dunn, Jorja Fernando, Liam Hall, Christina Khalil, Hayden Lloyd, Kye Mangin, Austin Neave, Logan O'Brien, Jonathan Schwabl, Hannah Scott and Luke Zelif. Hannah Scott was our captain and the team were trained and coached by Sports Co-ordinator, Bruce Collins, who was well supported by a dedicated group of parents. At the finals the team played three matches. Firstly they defeated Auburn High School 10 runs to 5, then Maribyrnong Secondary College, 5 runs to 2. In the Grand Final they defeated Parkdale 6 runs to 1



Senior Students with Wilbur Wilde

On Thursday the 21st November, our students' work in the Art area was honoured in our local community. I attended the official opening of the *Long Neck Turtle Sculpture* at its site in the Lower Plenty Shopping complex. Funded by Banyule Council, the *Long Neck Turtle Sculpture* is a complex and most impressive work of art. The project was led by local artist, Phil Howe. Our Art teachers, Claire Mooney and Anisa Catic, and 75 of our junior art students, worked together with Phil for this amazing outcome. At the other end of the complex is the *Serpent Sculpture* which our students and staff also produced in collaboration with Phil Howe in 2018. We also have a mural wall at Were Street Montmorency that emanated from our Art Faculty and students a few years ago. Congratulations to Claire Mooney for leading our College in this latest artistic partnership in our community. I would also like to acknowledge Sharon Cooke, and our senior music students, who performed with local musician, Wilbur Wilde, at the opening.



The Long Neck Turtle Sculpture



Phil Howe, Claire Mooney, Anisa Catic



Margaret Wozniak

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On Tuesday 26th November, we held a very successful Year 7, 2020 Parent Information evening in our Auditorium. This was very well attended by most of the 227 families who will be joining the College next year and a lot of very interesting and important information and news was presented by Sonia Culcasi, Leading Teacher in charge of Year 7 and transition. Also attending and fielding lots of questions, were Assistant Principals, Clara Di Biase and Mark Lohrey, Year 7 Level Co-ordinator, Gemma Pearson, School Nurse, Joanna McNamara, Student Welfare Co-ordinator, Sue Muir and Social Worker, Luke Mitchell, and his therapy dog, Mika.

On Monday 18th November, a wonderful celebration of student achievement took place at the annual Gillespie-Upton Rotary Awards, sponsored by the Greensborough Rotary Club. For the past 37 years, Greensborough Rotary has sponsored the *Rotary Award* for a student at each year level and the criteria for this is to be outstanding in many areas of schooling, which can include scholastic, sporting and leadership and community service areas of College life. In 2019 we had a large number of students nominated by staff at every year level and once again the task of choosing just one 'stand out' has proved to be very difficult at each year level. However, the six 2019 recipients are outstanding examples of individual and collective achievement and they are:

Year 7:	Charlie Telburn
Year 8:	Libby Fisher
Year 9:	Mackenzie Cesari-Ford
Year 10:	Laura Adcock
Year 11:	Jade Upton
Year 12:	Imogen Prictor

The awards ceremony was conducted at the Heidelberg Golf Club and was attended by the students, their parents, grandparents and family members, Assistant Principal, Mark Lohrey, Sub-school Leaders, Deb Metcalfe, Krista Durham, Matthew Bennett, Sonia Culcasi and myself. This achievement is a very significant marker in the school life of these most impressive students. We are extremely proud of our six Rotary Award winners and in 2019 they have set an impressive benchmark for others at the College. We congratulate and commend them as outstanding and thoroughly deserving young citizens. I would now like to share with you their citations from the award ceremony:



Pictured left to right: Allan Robinson, Libby Fisher, Mackenzie Cesari-Ford, Jade Upton, Imogen Prictor, Laura Adcock, Charlie Telburn, Mark Lohrey

YEAR 12 – IMOGEN PRICTOR

Imogen is a confident, considerate, diligent young adult who has worked hard to actively contribute to upholding the school values, and is a positive member of both the school and wider community. They have inspired students from Year 7 to 12 and staff through their leadership of the Queer Straight Alliance Group and has helped to build networks with other LGBTIQ school groups. Together with leaders from Eltham's PRISM group and Viewbank's Stand Out group, they share ideas about how to expand membership, discuss ideas for educating communities about LGBT+ issues and organise joint participation in the annual Midsumma Pride March in 2018. This presence in the wider queer community promotes student agency and provides young queer people with a network that extends beyond their high school.



Imogen was nominated as Montmorency Secondary College's representative for this year's Pauline Toner Award. They are a talented slam poet, competing in the Australian Poetry Slam competition, placing second regionally for a spoken word piece focusing on the strength and determination of youth against injustice worldwide. This was an ode to young people driving change; exposing gun violence, police brutality against people of colour and violence against transgender people. Imogen actively promoted the voices and concerns of marginalised people at the Melbourne Theatre Company's Youth Ambassador program and through mentoring students in the Robertson Youth Orchestra (the youth group of the Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra). Their passion for social justice led to them studying VCE Australian Sign Language as an accelerated subject, which included working with individuals at the Victorian College for the Deaf in the CBD. Imogen has played in the School Production band, performed at many House Offs and assemblies as an active member of the school music program, and even performed at their year 12 graduation ceremony, all the while remaining committed to and excelling at their VCE studies.

Congratulations Imogen.



YEAR 11 – JADE UPTON

Jade Upton has been a member of the Interact Club of Montmorency Secondary College for the past 4 years and President for 2019. She was also the recipient of the College's Eltham Rotary sponsored, Japanese Exchange Program at the end of 2018 and hosted her Japanese student this July.

Jade, as Interact President, was instrumental in co-ordinating her team in planning and hosting the fundraising dinner at Montmorency Secondary College in May this year, which raised \$4,200 for the Eltham Rotary Club's building program in Nepal. This program involves building a teacher in-service training facility for teachers throughout the country. Jade also co-ordinated the annual Interact

Club's *Shave for a Cure* event for the Leukaemia Foundation, raising almost \$10,000 this year.

Jade is academically focused and an A student across the board, having completed Japanese as a Year 12 subject this year as well as excelling in all her Year 11 subjects. She has always been a community-minded student, participating in a wide range of College extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations Jade and well done.



YEAR 10 – LAURA ADCOCK

Laura has played an integral leadership role at Montmorency Secondary College in 2019. She willingly undertook positions of responsibility and provided a positive role model to her peers. Laura also received praise for her academic success, ranking highly within her year level and succeeding in accelerated Biology undertaking VCE Units 1 and 2.

Laura's awareness of environmental issues confronting the school community has been transformed into positive action. Laura was instrumental in introducing the 'Monty Green Team' to the College. Through Laura's advocacy, the Green Team introduced a rubbish free lunch time and provided the supporting infrastructure and advertising. Laura presented this initiative to the school community during an assembly, which promoted awareness of the broader issues of Climate Change. Laura is also advocating for the College to adopt renewable energy in the form of solar panels. These initiatives demonstrate Laura

to be a thoughtful, committed and active member of our school community.

Laura has also participated in a number of SRC events, including House Off and the Colour Run.

Outside of school, Laura juggles her commitments with a part-time job at Coles. She is also a keen horse rider and Karate student, both of which she assists younger students.

Laura is a worthy recipient of this award.

YEAR 9 - MACKENZIE CESARI-FORD

Mackenzie is an engaging and thoughtful young girl. She is a student whose teachers comment positively on her maturity and motivation, her desire to do her very best and willingness to put in extra effort, her teamwork, and her kindness towards her classmates and teachers. Her academic achievements are commendable, with a particular strength in her creative writing, which is described by her English teachers as 'outstanding'.

Mackenzie joined the College's Interact club two years ago and immediately threw herself into supporting its activities. She assisted with the dinner dance held for the Nepalese 'build a school' fundraising, the World's Greatest Shave raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation, weekend BBQs at the Eltham Miniature Train and the Rotary Conference. Mackenzie has been elected Interact Secretary for 2020, and is delighted to be taking on the new role.



Mackenzie has embraced opportunities to develop her leadership capacity through participation in the College's SRC, where she's assisted on Primary School Leadership Days, as an Open Night assistant and was part of the organising team for the recent successful Colour Run Day which raised funds to support Cystic Fibrosis.

Sport is also one of Mackenzie's loves – since Year 7 she keeps fit through Hip Hop dance and has recently performed with the Elite Studio dancers at the Eltham Festival. In addition, she has played basketball for the Eltham Wildcats since she was 7 years old. Both sports were put on the shelf last year while Mackenzie recovered from a basketball injury which put her on crutches. Despite the sometimes rough and tumble of basketball Mackenzie loves her basketball; she shares this love by coaching an under-12s team, which was placed 2nd this season. She has also been umpiring basketball games for the last year and a half. These are all ages games which are scheduled from 8am to 8pm, 5 to 6 games each Saturday. Mackenzie has grown in confidence and resilience through her experience umpiring games, as not all participants are good sports. She must often remain calm and mature even when adult players or audience members are arguing her calls and displaying neither of these qualities. Mackenzie makes fair calls and demonstrates leadership by running the games she umpires following the rules of good sportsmanship. This allows participants to play basketball in a fun, safe and competitive environment.

Mackenzie is a most remarkable young girl and a most worthy recipient of the Gillespie Upton Rotary Award for Year 9.

YEAR 8 – LIBBY FISHER



Libby arrived at Montmorency Secondary College two years ago with an already impressive list of achievements.

Her passion is the protection of koalas, listed as a vulnerable species. Her passionate advocacy for the protection of this iconic Australian animal fits strongly within the College values of Teamwork, Friendship, Trust, Achievement, Courage and Happiness. However, it is the fourth value that Libby most clearly exemplifies: Achievement.

In Grade Five, Libby began her Koala Crusade with a desire to teach other young people about the difficulties faced by our native wildlife. Her desire to protect the koala led to her being awarded the Pride of Australia Award in 2018 and being profiled on *The 7.30 Report* last July and *Behind the News* last August. Libby's commitment includes a

strong media platform with a dedicated website, blog and Facebook page, devoted to the Koala Crusade.

Libby stands as an outstanding role model within the College where she demonstrates to her peers that one need not be an adult to argue for change in the world.

Of course, Libby's participation in the life of the College is far-reaching, as an active participant in a range of school activities, including charity work, leadership activities and academics. Libby represents an extraordinary example of what one young girl can achieve in a short span of time.

YEAR 7 - CHARLIE TELBURN

Charlie began Year 7 at Montmorency Secondary College in 2019 as a quiet and reserved student and as the year has progressed, we have watched him shine in all the endeavours he has pursued. As a new student commencing his secondary school journey, Charlie joined the Student Representative Council and began participating in leadership activities.

Throughout the year, Charlie has participated in a number of activities that have showcased his spectacular leadership skills. In March, Charlie participated in the annual Thinking Carnival, and acted as a leader guiding Primary School students through problem-solving activities. Following this, Charlie participated in Primary School Leadership Days where he also ran activities for students from local primary schools to participate in.



Charlie is very community minded and has been recognized as a student who supports those around him. Thus, Charlie not only participated in the student-organised Colour Run, to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis, but he has represented the College at our Open Day in the Humanities Department, Arts Alive, winning the VCD Year 7 award, as well as being nominated for classroom music, participating in whole school events such as the Share the DigniTea, Pink Week, House Trivia and Tu-Tu Tuesday, fundraising awareness for Breast Cancer Australia, assisting with the Lower Plenty Primary School Athletics Carnival and the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukemia Foundation shaving his head, which is an excellent achievement.

In addition to his leadership skills, Charlie is an avid sportsman where he represents Montmorency Secondary in sports, participating in a range of sporting activities throughout the year including the Soccer team, Tennis team and the Futsal team where he was nominated as the captain.

Charlie has excelled academically throughout the year. He has been a straight A student all year, receiving the Year 7 Dux for Semester One. Due to this, he was invited to participate in Challenge English, Challenge Maths and Challenge Science at the College in 2020. With his dedication for his studies, Charlie participated in the Australian Maths Competition and did very well. Many of his teachers note his ability to be a helpful member of the class and without being asked, Charlie on a daily basis helps teachers and his class members. He has a great sense of humour and is inclusive of all members of his class, teachers and students alike.

Charlie has proved himself to be a dedicated student in all areas of school life this year. And it is for the above reasons that he has been selected as the Rotary Award winner for Year 7 in 2019.

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The Jaga Jaga Community Sports Awardees pictured left to right: Tara Kinder, Amber Fielder, (Principal Allan Robinson) Jasmine Bentley, Hannah Scott, Bradley Moorey, Luke Zeliff, Keeley Harrison, Brooke Plummer

On Tuesday 29th October, I attended the Jaga Jaga Community Sports Awards for 2019 at the Ivanhoe Town Hall. I had nominated eight of our students for these prestigious awards and local MP, Vicki Ward, nominated another of our students. All nine of our students were award recipients. They are:

Jasmine Bentley	Year 11	Baseball
Amber Fielder	Year 10	Weight Lifting/Futsal
Keeley Harrison	Year 10	Baseball/Softball
Tara Kinder	Year 10	Swimming
Bradley Moorey	Year 10	Basketball
Bronson Neave	Year 10	Baseball
Brooke Plummer	Year 9	Australian Rules Football/Hockey/Baseball
Hannah Scott	Year 8	Softball
Luke Zeliff	Year 8	Speed Skating

Congratulations to all of these outstanding students on their wonderful achievements. They have certainly set an exceptionally high standard of achievement in sport, both in our College and the community.

On Tuesday 26th November I had a visit from Jacinta Blanch who is the Executive Director New Schools and Education Plans for the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) and she was most interested in the outcome of our \$14m refurbishment and rebuild and also the site for the new \$16m Basketball Stadium development. She had a tour of our College facilities and was most impressed. She said that Minister James Merlino was keen for DET Department Heads to get out into schools and speak to Principals about the neighbourhood zones and the related website that has now been put in place for all schools. I was very positive about its introduction and she could see that from our escalating enrolments and the local demographic that it helped us control the number of students coming into our defined resources at the College.

Regards,
Allan Robinson
Principal

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR 2019

On Monday 2nd December students begin the College Orientation Program. For current Year 7-9 students, this program will finish on 13th December 2019. For our senior students (current Year 10-12 students) the Orientation Program will finish on Friday, 6th December 2019.

Students will be allocated into their 2020 classes and during the Orientation period they will be taught 'as much as is possible' by the teachers that they will have the following year. The program is essentially designed to provide students with an insight into all the subjects they will be doing next year. It is an enrichment program that will give students the opportunity to commence the work they will be doing in each subject and provide them with an adjustment period prior to commencing classes in 2020.

It is vital that all students attend all classes during the Orientation period. They will be expected to complete classwork, homework and all assessments which will count towards the students' overall grade in each subject in 2020.

Please note the following important information:

- Students will be required to wear full College uniform during the Orientation Program.
- Students should ensure that they bring writing equipment and a notebook, their Ipad and study planner to all subject classes. Please note that textbooks are not required during the Orientation Program.
- Current Year 8 & 9 students will have a Year Level Activity Day on Monday 16th December 2019 to the Hoyts Cinema in Greensborough.
- Current Year 7 students will have their Year Level Activity Day on Monday 16th December 2019, representing the culmination of a great year's work. Year 7 students will be going to Fun Fields in Whittlesea.
- A large number of students from Years 7 to 12 will be involved within the SRC Leadership Conference which will be held from the 11th-13th December 2019 at Latrobe University.
- During this time the Orientation Program will continue to run for all students not involved in the SRC program and students from years 7 to 9 are required at school. For students not involved within the SRC program the focus will be on being part of a sustainability and environmental challenge through a selection of activity based workshops over the three days of the leadership conference.
- From the 17th December to the 20th December there will be **no regular classes** and students who attend on these days will be assisting staff with alternative tasks.
- Friday, 20th December is the final day of the school year. Students will not be required to attend school; however, staff will be available if parents require them.

Please note that the school buses will cease to be in operation from Monday 16th December, 2019, so alternative arrangements may need to be made.

Students resume school in 2020 as follows:

- Years 7 & 8 on Thursday 30th January, 2020
- Years 9-12 resume on Friday 31st January, 2020

If you have any questions regarding the scheduled program, please contact the College as soon as possible.

We wish everyone a safe holiday period and look forward to seeing our students in the New Year.

Clara Di Biase
Assistant Principal

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 eight years they have been very aggressive during hot weather. Environmental experts predict that snake sightings will 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

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE
Montmorency Secondary College

Thursday 19th December, 2019



Planetshakers Centre
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty

6.45pm for a 7pm Start

SWAP SHOP

Thursday 5th December, 2019

Parents are advised that Swap Shop is on **Thursday 5th December, 2019** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm**. Parents and students will be able to buy and sell books directly to each other on that night.

As in previous years, the procedure will be as follows:

- * A list of books which students will be able to buy and sell for the following year will be produced, along with suggested prices.
- * A room will be provided for each year level where parents can buy books for the following year and sell books from the current year. It will be up to parents to negotiate prices with each other, based on the condition of the book.
- * Parents will need to ensure that they buy the current edition (as advised by the school) and that they have the correct money/necessary change.
- * Parents should note that this is a popular evening, and it is usually a case of first come, first served.

There will be no charge for this service, apart from the negotiated price of the books changing hands. Any unwanted/unsold current books can be donated to the school, for our Student Welfare Co-ordinator to distribute to students in need.



TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Mon 2nd—Fri 6th December	2020 Year 11 & 12 Orientation
Mon 2nd—Fri 13th December	2020 Year 8, 9, 10 Orientation
Thur 5th December	Swap Shop
Tue 10th December	Grade 6 Orientation Day
Wed 11th Dec—Fri 13th Dec	SRC Conference—Latrobe University
Mon 16th December	Year 7 Activity Day—Fun Fields Year 8 & 9 Activity Day—Hoyts Cinema
Thur 19th December	Awards Evening

A FREE PROGRAM FOR 17-24 YEAR OLDS

THE CITI NEW RECRUITS PROGRAM

The Citi New Recruits program will
accelerate your career

Program details

December 2nd – December 13th 2019

Duration: 3 weeks (2 weeks class-based, 1 week work experience)

Location: Kangan Institute, Richmond

- Find out about employer expectations
- Learn job interview techniques and how to prepare your CV
- Develop job-ready skills required for the 21st century workforce
- Gain exposure to a work environment through one week of work experience

The aim of this program is for participants to develop the skills and knowledge required to succeed in an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Contact Skilling Australia Foundation to get involved

Call 1300 096 120 Email: vic@saf.org.au

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It's that time again! The smells, sights and sounds of France will fill our beautiful Eildon Mansion for one weekend during our annual *Marché de Noël*. This Christmas Market will showcase a variety of French products sold or made by French designers and creators living in Australia. Expect fashion, food, wine, music, art, kids activities, French trial classes and more!

**SAT 7 & SUN 8
DECEMBER
10AM - 5PM**

**Alliance Française de
Melbourne,
51 Grey Street, St Kilda,
3182**

Free Admission

MUSIC NEWS

Banyule Has Talent – WINNER Margaret Wozniak Y10

On Sunday 17th November, as part of the Malahang Community Festival, our own Margaret Wozniak won the Banyule Has Talent competition for local talent. Margaret performed an original composition, singing and playing keyboard.

Along with the cash prize, Margaret has also received a “gig” to perform at one of the Banyule Council end of year events.

Congratulations Margaret on your wonderful achievement.



STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is a Department of Education event which includes over 3000 state school students every year. Below is a link to further information about this exciting opportunity for students who are interested in the performing arts:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/spectacularinvolve.aspx>

MUSIC INSTRUMENT HIRE over the holidays

If you are learning an instrument at the school and intend to borrow your school instrument over the holidays, please collect a ‘Holiday Hire form’ from your teacher and return it on the Primary School Tour day.

FINAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES FOR 2019

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| Friday 29 th November | Primary School Tour – please approve on XUNO
Junior Band, Intermediate Band, Guitar Group, Vocal group |
| Tue 10 th December | Orientation Day Performance – Sophia Church |
| Thur 19 th December | Awards Night
Foyer performance – Senior Woodwind groups
Item – Solveig and Imogen Pictor |

Community Creatives: Neek Christie

Neek Christie is a young non-binary creative who uses both traditional and digital methods of drawing. They are a high-school student who spends most of their outer school time at [Banyule Youth Services](#) art programs or doing other art work. They most recently created artworks for the Express Youth Arts Showcase at Hatch Contemporary Arts Space in Ivanhoe, and is currently working on a graphic novel called *Devil Devil*.

How do you describe your creative practice?

A mix between pure unfiltered insanity regulated by an uptight helping of planning. Everything and everyone inspires me, it seems I am always coming across an idea.

How/when/why did you get into this area of work?

I used to have motor skill problems, writing and drawing when I was younger was a challenge but rewarding. Even once things cleared, I have just kept at it. I have been creating for as long as I can remember.

What are you working on at the moment?

A graphic novel project called 'Devil Devil', which is going through concept and writing stages at the moment.

Do you have a studio or work space? What is it like?

It is a small messy desk that is connected to our dining table, it is the best I have got.

What influences, inspires or energises your practice?

The world around me, I often find myself inspired by people I meet, places I go, media I consume, and generally the world energises some form of idea.

What does a typical day involve for you?

Wake up, go to school, get home, do homework. If no homework, just draw/create, help make dinner, relax, sleep. That's a typical school day, but weekends are usually dedicated to creating stuff.

How do you define success? How do you celebrate your successes?

Success is when someone goes, 'that's cool'. Or maybe getting work published/finished. I usually celebrate by maybe dancing around or getting something nice, but I don't celebrate for too long. There's still too much to do, and too little time to do it.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

Probably the best advice I ever got is: 'Do everything even if it's risky or you think nobody would like it. There's only so little time to get anything done, why not right now?'

Do you visit your local library? If yes, what do you love about libraries?

Yes yes yes. I love libraries, even though nowadays I usually am at my School's library. I love the fact that everything is at your fingertips, from science fiction, to how rockets are made, and you can read it all. It's also very quiet too, which I enjoy.

Where can we see more of your work?

Well, I have an [instagram](#) and a [tumblr](#) where I post where I am going to be and more art stuff!



ARTS ALIVE EXHIBITION AND AWARDS NIGHT 2019

Each year, the Arts Faculty at Montmorency SC produce our annual arts exhibition and awards night, Arts Alive. Our Music Performance Night was held in the Auditorium on Monday 28th October and the Art Exhibition and Awards Night was held in the Montmorency Gym on Tuesday 29th October.

This event showcased a wide and exciting diversity of work from our art, design, music, and technology students. As part of the festival, a Primary School Art Competition with the theme 'Wildlife' was held for local primary students. Twenty finalists had their outstanding artworks displayed in the exhibition. The third place finalist was Zahli Jimeno and the second place finalist was Yuriko Johnstone, both from Montmorency South Primary School. The Primary School Art Competition winner for 2019 was Amelie Carter-Griffith from Greenhills Primary School.

A big congratulations to all our Arts Alive winners for their impressive achievements in Arts and Technology this year!

Tahleah Jones (7B)	Year 7 Art and Ceramics	Emily Easthope (10B)	Year 10 Art
Senim Sert (7E)	Year 7 Art & Ceramics	Amy Mati (10D)	Year 10 Art
Arina Mueller (9A)	Year 8/9 Ceramics & Sculpture	Michael Church (11A)	Year 11 Art
Sinead Rothwell (8F)	Year 8/9 Digital Art	Solveig Pricor (12B)	Year 12 Art
Sinead Rothwell (8F)	Year 8/9 Drawing & Painting	Vanessa Wilson (8J)	Year 8/9 Media Studies
Spencer Grant (8B)	Year 8/9 Animation	Sena Nancarrow (8L)	Year 8/9 Media Studies



Erin Tierney (8C)	Year 8/9 Photography
Hayden Lloyd (8L)	Year 8/9 Introduction to Photography
James Fraser (10C)	Year 10 Photography
Olivia Ferronato (11B)	Year 11 Studio Arts
Tahleah Jones (7B)	Year 7 Visual Communication Design
Charlie Telburn (7E)	Year 7 Visual Communication Design
Charlotte Freestone (9B)	Year 8/9 VCD Design for Living
April Woodward (9H)	Year 8/9 VCD Drawing & Design
James Fraser (10C)	Year 10 Visual Communication Design
Elizabeth Jobson (11C)	Year 11 Visual Communication Design
Simon Chiu (12A)	Year 12 Visual Communication Design



ARTS ALIVE EXHIBITION AND AWARDS NIGHT 2019

Harrison Abbot (7H)	Year 7 Wood and Metal Work
Piper Warry (8G)	Year 8/9 Jewellery
Alex Binos (8E)	Year 8/9 Metalwork
Dainton Rowbotham (9F)	Year 8/9 Jewellery Making & Design
Nicholas Rowe (9C)	Year 8/9 Cabinet Making
Luke Leaper (9A)	Year 8/9 Cabinet Making
Adam Rowe (10F)	Year 10 Woodwork
Emily Easthope (10B)	Year 10 Metalwork
Regan McGrady (10D)	Year 10 Metalwork
Eric Watkins (7D)	Year 7 Drama
Zara Osborn (7G)	Year 7 Drama
Ava Keiper (9F)	Year 8/9 Drama
Vanessa Wilson (8J)	Year 8/9 Drama
Emma Kearsey (8F)	Year 8/9 Dance
Tess Baldwin (8F)	Year 8/9 Dance
Scarlett Uhlmann (7F)	Year 7 Classroom Music
Rebecca Chua (7C)	Year 7 Classroom Music
Poppy Phillips (8J)	Year 8/9 - 1 Classroom Music
Noah Osborn (9J)	Year 8/9 - 2 Classroom Music
Paige Manley-Breen (10D)	Year 10 Classroom Music



ARTS ALIVE EXHIBITION STUDENT REPORT

On the night of Tuesday the 29th of October, the 2019 Arts Alive art exhibition and awards ceremony was held in the school gym. The exhibition opened at 6:00 pm where hundreds of pieces of artwork were displayed from paintings to sculptures, animations, and photographs. People were free to walk around and look at all of the artworks while also having a quick bite to eat at the food table. At 7:00pm the awards ceremony started where numerous awards were handed out by year level and art teacher with myself being the proud recipient of the year 8/9 animation award. All nominees received a nomination award while the winners received a winning certificate and a book. It was an enjoyable night for all.

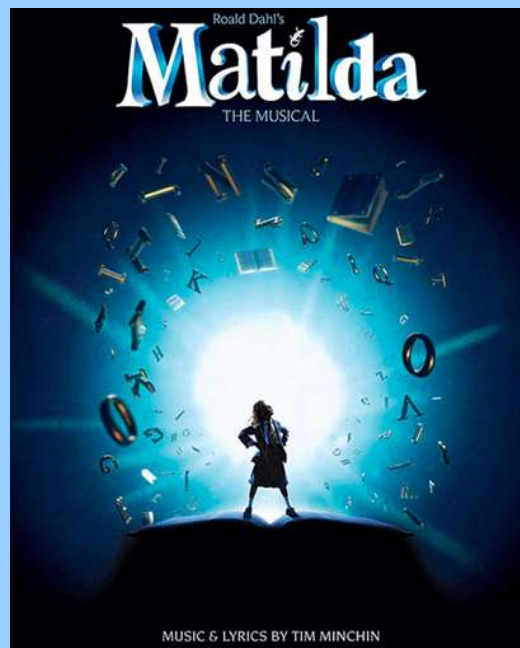
Congratulations to all the winners and nominees and a special thanks to all the teachers and students that prepared the night.

Spencer Grant 8B

Arts Alive was held on the 29th of October at 6:00pm in the gym. Arts Alive is a display of all of the students talent in Art, Design, Drama, Media, Music, Photography and Technology. Everyone is allowed to attend the event to see all of the students artwork on display, examples that were on display were art pieces such as Year 7 VCD, Year 9 Photography and Year 12 Art, to name a few. The Awards ceremony started at 6:45pm, after everyone has a chance to look around. A fair few people had showed up, enough to fill up all the seats and to have to stand behind. The awards were handed out by category, such as Year 8 Drama. The nominees were called out then the winner. Everyone got an award and their picture taken with the teachers. The winner won a prize as well. In the end it was a really great night.

Erin Tierney 8C

Matilda The Musical News



Congratulations to the following students for securing these roles in the school production:

Miss Trunchbull - Daniil Rauzin

Miss Honey - Vanessa Wilson

Mrs Wormwood - Ava Keiper

Mr Wormwood - Zane Saavedra

More casting will be posted in the next school newsletter and audition information for junior roles will be posted soon.

YEAR 9 CAMP

Early this term, 140 year 9 students attended a three day camp at The Summit Outdoor Adventure Park in Trafalgar East. Students were divided into 10 teams, in which they were rotated through a variety of challenging activities.

We were fortunate enough to have excellent weather during these days, enabling the students to participate in more water activities. Students were very happy to cool off in the water after participating in some challenging activities such as; Abseiling, Leap of Faith, Flying Fox, Sky Bridge, Giant Swing and High Wire.

Not all the challenges were high off the ground. Students also participated in Snake Experience, Cave Challenge, Bush Challenge, Nail walk and The Monster Course. A highlight for the students and staff was the Choco Mousse Fight on our first night at camp.

Feedback from students was very positive, many of them saying it was by far the best camp they had been on. Students were challenged to come out of their comfort zones and perhaps, face some fears or stretch themselves mentally and make new friends. Many of them welcomed the challenge.

On our second night students participated in the Board Break workshop. This activity was powerful for many students. This interactive workshop explored how an "idea" becomes a belief and how these beliefs drive our behaviour. If we change what is happening in our lives then we need to be aware of how thoughts become beliefs. This workshop left the students with strategies that enable them to deconstruct limiting beliefs and adopt empowering ones.

Thank-you to all the teachers who gave up time with their families, to attend this very important and rewarding camp experience for our year 9 students soon to be transitioning into Senior School.

Ivanka Sapina & John Healy
Year 9 Co-ordinators



YEAR 9 CAMP



Medical Research Work Experience 2020



We are excited to let you know that the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research will launch its new Secondary School Work Experience Program in 2020.

The five-day program at the Institute's Parkville campus will give year 10 students the opportunity to learn about careers in medical research through placements with our leading scientific teams, as well as through group workshops devoted to laboratory safety and skills, research ethics and science communication.

The program will have two intakes in 2020, each hosting up to 24 students: 22-26 June and 14-18 September. Participants are expected to attend the full week, approximately 9-4pm each day, and will be paid \$10/day.

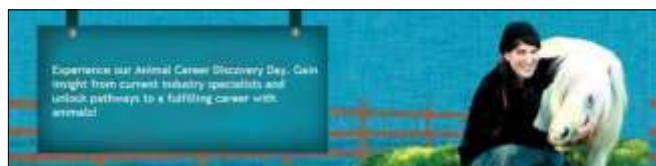
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute aims to provide educational opportunities to a wide range of students. We welcome applications for our Secondary School Work Experience Program from students with diverse life experiences. Please note that work experience students must be aged 15 years or over by the first day of the program.

Applications for the program are now open and will close on 17 February 2020.

Please visit wehi.edu.au/workexperience for more detailed program information and how to apply.

Michael Weeding
Careers & Pathways

Animal Care Discovery Day at the RSPCA



If you have any students, friends or family that may be interested in a career working in the animal care industry this could be a step in the right direction!

Gain insight from current industry specialists and unlock pathways to a fulfilling career with animals.

RSPCA presenters will include Animal Attendants, Adoption Officers, Vets, Vet nurses, Behaviourists and Inspectors. Learn insights from industry experts and how you can succeed in an animal care profession.

The day will include hands on activities and behind the scenes tours.

We invite all those interested in working in the animal care industry to come and listen to skilled professionals who are actively working in animal care industry, and how they got to where they are.

For more information and to book, visit : [RSPCA Career Discovery Day](#).

When?

Date: Tuesday 10th December

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Location: RSPCA Education Centre, Burwood East

Cost: \$75 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

Michael Weeding
Careers & Pathways

Year 12 Change of Preference & Offers

When are offers available?

Offers are emailed to applicants on the day of release 12th December and available in the VTAC account from 2pm the same day. To be considered for offers, you must pay your course application processing fee on time. Find offer dates and payment deadlines on the [Dates and fees page](#).

Current Year 12 students in Victoria are now eligible to receive a course offer in December, following the VCE results and ATAR release. This is in addition to the existing offer rounds in January and February. For more information, download our [fact sheet](#) on December offers for domestic Year 12 students.

How the offer system works

After the course selection authorities have considered your application, they will advise VTAC whether they wish to offer you a place in the course. VTAC advises you, via your VTAC account, of the highest offer on your preference list (if any).

Most course places are allocated in the first January offer round. In subsequent offer rounds, you will be considered for course preferences higher than any offer/s you have received in each round (if any). VTAC will again advise you of the highest offer made (if any).

Note: If you do not pay your course application processing fee by the due date, your application will not be sent to the course selection authorities and you will not be considered for offers.

All offers are provisional

Any offer you receive is subject to you:

meeting eligibility requirements,

having provided full and correct information on your VTAC application, and

attending enrolment at the date and time specified in your offer message.

If you don't meet these requirements, your offer may lapse or be withdrawn.

How many offers?

You can receive a **maximum of one offer per offer round**.

If you do not receive any offers in any of the offer rounds you may be eligible for a supplementary offer if you have given VTAC permission to release your application information to courses with vacancies. See [Change your permission to receive supplementary offers](#).

Changing your preferences

You can change your course preferences between offer rounds as many times as you choose. Before adding a preference, always check the selection criteria to ensure you have met all course requirements. For more information see [Change your course preferences](#).

If you received an offer in one round, and wish to also be considered for courses lower on your preference list in future rounds, you can change your preferences by moving the course that you have been offered below any courses you would still like to be considered for by the relevant change of preference date. Note: Please only move the offered course to below courses you would genuinely consider (not to the lowest preference place).

Supplementary offers

The supplementary offer process allows courses with vacancies to make offers to certain VTAC applicants who have not previously applied for the course.

Supplementary offers commence after *February offer round 1 domestic*.

You may receive supplementary offers if you:

are a domestic applicant (current Year 12 or non-Year 12)

have not received an offer listed on your course preference list, and

have given VTAC permission to release your application to all courses with vacancies.

You give permission to be considered for supplementary offers either at the time of applying, or later in your VTAC user account. Supplementary offers will be processed weekly.

If you receive two or more offers at the same time, you will need to choose which offer to accept – you should not accept more than one offer.

For more information, [contact the relevant institution](#).

Receiving an offer

When offers are released, you will be notified through your VTAC account.

January offer round 1 offers may also be published by newspapers (in print and/or online) with your permission. You give this permission either at the time of applying, or later in your VTAC user account. If you want to change your permission, see [Permission to publish offers](#).

Check the VTAC website closer to the date to find out if newspapers are publishing offers.

Verbal offers have no status. If you receive a verbal offer you should ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC immediately.

Accepting an offer

Receiving an offer does not confirm your enrolment in the course. To secure your place, you must follow the enrolment instructions in your offer message. In some cases you may be required to attend enrolment in person on a specific date and time.

If you can't attend enrolment

If you are unable to attend at the specified time, you should ask whether the institution allows an authorised nominee (someone you choose) to enrol on your behalf.

Check the lists of institutions that have provided information about their [enrolment](#) and [deferral](#) policies.

What if I don't receive an offer?

If you don't receive an offer, don't panic.

You may still be eligible for a supplementary offer.

Alternatively, you can check out other courses listed with VTAC and change your preferences as many times as you like, at no additional cost, throughout January and February.

New: December offers for domestic students

- An additional offer round in December provides an opportunity for current VCE and QCE year 12 students to receive an offer within a week of ATAR release
- Preferences can be changed before and after the December round
- Most courses are likely to make some offers in this round
- All courses will still participate in the January round
- Places are reserved in the January round for those applicants without results in time to be considered for this round (IB, states other than Victoria and Queensland)



JOIN US IN 2020 FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 2020

Our Target for 2020 is \$10,000 which will lift our grand total to \$50,000. You can help us reach our goal by signing up your child online at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/montmorencysecondarycollege>
Further information regarding the event will be sent early in the new School year.



WELCOME TO THE HALL OF SHAVE MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE FOR RAISING \$40,000 SINCE 2009

YOUR HEROIC EFFORT WILL DIRECTLY FUND PRACTICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AND FAMILIES LIVING WITH BLOOD CANCER, ALONG WITH VITAL INVESTMENT INTO GROUNDBREAKING BLOOD CANCER RESEARCH. THANK YOU!

Bill Patch | Chief Executive Officer
Leukaemia Foundation



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

We are more than half way through the term and things have never been busier!

This term we completed two programs for students, one for students in Year 8 called the **Boys2Adolescents** (B2A) program and one for Year 9 students called the **Girl's Power Program**. These programs were run over 8 weeks, one session each per week, with small groups of students, covering various topics; B2A looked at gender roles and gender stereotypes, respectful and disrespectful relationships, self-awareness, emotions, managing strong feelings and cyber safety and social media. The Girl's Power Program addressed such topics as; self-esteem, self-awareness, social media & gender stereotypes, managing your emotions & future directions. Both programs concluded with a celebration with their program facilitators, staff and peers.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families for the very generous donations of clean, good quality school uniforms. Many families in our school community feel the financial strain (especially at this time of the year) to provide uniforms for their children. Donations are warmly accepted and will be given to any family in need.

If you require assistance with uniform, please feel free to contact me and I will see how we are able to best support you and your child(ren) .

UNIFORM SUPPORT & DISCOUNTED SHOES

For families who are under financial hardship, if you are a holder of a Health Care Card or a Pension Card, you may be eligible for assistance through **State Schools Relief (SSR) for School Uniform**. SSR is a not for profit charitable organization which assists families in need. To see if you are eligible, please contact me for a confidential appointment on 9422-1632. State Schools Relief are now also offering **leather school shoes** at a heavily discounted price **and** with every pair purchased, you are helping SSR provide assistance to tens of thousands of Victorian students that need their help every year.

Shoes are available from The Premium Group, 15 Goodyear Drive THOMASTOWN Phone 9466-4250

ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

Young people will often need additional support with their mental health during times when they feel under pressure or stress at school, in connection to friendship or peer relationships or perhaps when dealing with family issues or concerns. To assist them with additional supports outside of school, you might like to consider some of the agencies available below:

- Banyule Community Health-General Counselling Program 9450 2000
- CAMHS Austin Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service 1300 859 789
- Headspace (National Office) 9027 0100
- Greensborough Headspace 9433 7200
EHeadspace www.eheadspace.org.au
- LaTrobe Psychology Clinic 9479 2150
- MIND 1300 286 463
MindHealthConnect An on-line option to find mental health and wellbeing information, support and services Web www.mindhealthconnect.org.au
- NEAMI (Rosanna) 9481 3277
- North Eastern Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) 1300 859 789
- RMIT Psychology Clinic offers affordable, high quality psychological services for children and adolescence 9925 7603

If you have any concerns about the mental health of your child and are seeking support from the school or externally, please feel free to discuss this confidentially with either myself or one of the Wellbeing Team, we may be able to assist you and alleviate some of your concerns. Please feel confident to call to discuss your concerns with me directly on 9422 1632, or call to make an appointment so we can talk privately of your issues.

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

BERRY STREET SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Berry Street support many families who may need assistance with their young person. They work in a respectful and collaborative way, encouraging all family members to be part of the process in resolving the issue.

See the attached link for more information on Berry Street, and how they could support you and your family.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Vh6g8HtNsM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh6g8HtNsM)

Contact: 677 The Boulevard, Eaglemont Victoria 3084

Phone 9450 4700

Email: eaglemont@berrystreet.org.au

PARENTING SUPPORT

Being a parent /guardian or carer can often be such a challenging time, many of us feel that we are alone and without supports and guidance. Assistance and support is available for you and your family. Listed below are some contacts to local agencies, which can provide private & confidential support.

- HealthAbility 9430 9100
- MATTERS (Berry Street) 9450 4700
- Northern Parentzone 8470 9999
- ReachOutParentCoaching Web <https://parents.au.reachout.com/coaching-eligibility>
- Orange Door (Domestic Violence Support)

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES

Box Hill 9896 6322
Blackburn 1800 900 520
Ringwood 9259 4200
Doncaster 9856 1500

- CHILD FIRST 1300 762 125
- TARA (Teenage Aggression Responding Assertively)
A support group for teenagers and program parents
of teenagers who respond violently at home 9450 4700

Get ready for the year!

Wellbeing Day for Young People

Know a young person who is about to start Years 10, 11, 12 or the first year of Uni in 2020? Let them know about this exciting opportunity to plan for the year ahead, get tips on how to take care of their health & wellbeing and promote positive self-care. Including information about how sleep, study, food and stress can impact you and tips for how to manage the pressure of exams, ATAR, VCAL and Uni pressures! Join in on workshops – **bullet journaling, essential oil blending, study and sleep tips, a yoga & meditation class, healthy cooking** activities and more. You'll also take home goodies including a gift bag, Watermarc free pass, essential oil rollers, self-care items, a drink bottle & more.

Date: Wednesday 22nd January, 10am – 3pm

Where: Watermarc – 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough - Level 4

Food: Healthy snacks & lunch will be provided

Cost: \$10 (a Health Care Card holders discount applies – please contact us for further information)**REGISTER:** Please register via this link - <https://tinyurl.com/wuv9o9f>

To find out more: Contact Kate at Banyule Youth Services on 9457 9929 or kate.james@banyule.vic.gov.au

UPCOMING EVENTS



**MALAHANG
SCOOTER & SKATE COMP**

**FOR AGES
10 - 24**

WHEN
Saturday 7th December 2019

TIME
Scooter: Rego from 11am, Comp from 11.30am
Skate: Rego from 12.30pm, Comp from 1.00pm

WHERE
Malahang Skate Park
Cnr Oriel and Southern Rd, Heidelberg West

INCLUDES
Food, music and prizes

COST
Free

MORE INFO
Banyule Youth services
P 9457 9907
E Richard.euston@banyule.vic.gov.au
W www.banyuleyouth.com

EXPRESS Youth Arts Showcase

Explore an art exhibition showcasing the amazing talents of Banyule's local young people. The exhibition opening night will include a range of visual art pieces, video projections, musical performances and sound installations.

Opening Night:

Wednesday 6th November, 6-8pm

Exhibition Dates:

6th November - 7th December 2019; Opening hours Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

Where:

Hatch Contemporary Arts Space -
14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe

**Cost: FREE NO BOOKINGS
REQUIRED!**

More info: Visit

www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Hatch,
Email arts@banyule.vic.gov.au



We acknowledge that this event will be held on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to their elders and leaders - past, present and emerging.



New Hope – Street Art & Hip Hop

Aspiring rappers, beat makers, graffiti writers & dj's.

Opportunities in projects including murals and gigs. Suited for young people aged 14-25 with an interest in graffiti & hip hop culture.

When: Wednesdays 4-8pm

Where: Jets Studios – 2/24, The Concord, Bundoora

Cost: FREE

More info: Contact Lisa on 9457 9897 email: lisa.said@banyule.vic.gov.au Facebook: Lisa Banyule-Youth

Alexander and Bridget Jones

Montmorency Secondary College

2020 Scholarship

Going to The University of Melbourne in 2020?

Scholarship Snapshot

This scholarship is awarded to honour the memory of Alexander and Bridget Jones, graduates of Montmorency Secondary College and students of The University of Melbourne.

Overview	The scholarship aims to assist graduates of Montmorency Secondary College who have been offered a full-time place at The University of Melbourne for the first time.
University	The University of Melbourne
Faculty	All
Study area	All
Scholarship type	Need based, Merit based
Year of study	First year undergraduate bachelor's degree
Duration	One year initially but may be awarded for up to two years (dependent upon academic performance)
Intention of Scholarship	Accommodation costs and/or other expenses directly related to the study of successful applicants (eg. course costs, study related materials/equipment, text books, tutoring)
Award Value (per student)	Award value is \$5,000 (per annum)
Eligibility	To be eligible, the following criteria must be met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have graduated from Montmorency Secondary College in either 2019 or in 2018 (taken a gap year) • Must have received a Letter of Offer from The University of Melbourne to commence a full-time undergraduate bachelor's degree in 2020 (in an approved Australian course) • Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident • Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2020 (first attendance at an Australian University) • Should be able to demonstrate community involvement • Should be academically motivated
Nationality	Australian citizen or permanent resident
Applications open	2 December 2019
Applications close	28 January 2020
How to apply	Please visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships for more information.
Criteria	Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee and will be assessed on academic achievement, demonstrated disadvantage and community contribution. The student should be able to describe their passion for how they intend to use their knowledge in the future.
Further Information	The website will contain full information from 2 December 2019. If you still have a query, please contact Community Enterprise Foundation™ on 1300 304 541

The summary above is intended to provide you with a quick snapshot only. Please ensure you review all information provided on the website (during the application open period) thoroughly before you consider applying.



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