

Montmorency Secondary College NEWSLETTER

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MONTMORENCY
SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Montmorency Secondary College welcomes our new Principal Frances Ibbott, seen here with our retiring Principal Allan Robinson



Pictured here is our new Principal Team. Fran joins longstanding Assistant Principals Clara Di Biase and Mark Lohrey.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Students,

Welcome back for Term 4, and it is with gratitude and privilege that I welcome you back to onsite learning as the Principal of Montmorency Secondary College.

Thank you to Clara Di Biase and Mark Lohrey for their roles as Acting Principal during the retirement and changeover period for the previous Principal, Allan Robinson. They have led the College superbly throughout times of change – in the transition back into an extended period of Remote Learning and during the Principal appointment process. With any change there is always uncertainty and it is clear that they have retained clear and steady leadership of the College throughout. I am keen to be joining the team and step into the leadership role, particularly with their support.

The Year 12 'Class of 2021' are to be congratulated on their completion of classes, GAT and final celebrations. Students have been exemplary in their return to school, focus on learning and completion of coursework. On Monday 18th October, we held a COVID-Safe Remote Graduation Ceremony for Year 12 students where they were able to participate in celebrations with their peers, receive graduation certificates, book prizes and awards presented. The following awards were presented:



College Captains Awards

*Madison Downing,
Johanna Ryan, Aleesha
Williams, Bree Rushton*

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ADF Long Tan Leadership Award *Kiara Zammit*



Rotary Award
Rebecca Catania



ADF Future Innovations Award
Sabrene Dennaoui

Ampol All Rounder Award *Madison Downing*

SBAT Award
Brom Farrell



Jackson Lee Memorial Award
Siobhan Griffiths
with VET/VCAL Co-ordinator,
Vicki Bucher



VET Award
Christopher Salce

Year 12 VCAL students have been maintaining their focus on workplace and TAFE, along side their schooling to complete their programs. Year 12 VCE students completed the GAT and are currently in SWOTVAC, studying and readying themselves for their upcoming exams. Students have been seeking support from their teachers, obtaining feedback and completing practice exams. We wish them all the best for the upcoming exam period, starting with the English Exam on Wednesday 27th October, and in the final stages of their secondary schooling career.

The transition back to face-to-face learning has been an exciting time for staff, students and families alike; and as we pivot again back into classrooms it is not unusual to feel that sense of nervousness mixed with excitement. The 'Roadmap' for staged return to schooling for students in Year 7 to 11 has allowed for reconnection and re-engagement. The Student Engagement team to develop a 'Welcome Back' homegroup trivia sessions that created opportunities for students to redevelop those in-person social connections, ease their way back into classroom learning and being at school. **We look forward to having all students back on site from Monday 1st November 2021.**

We look forward to the remainder of the school year, getting back into teaching and learning and some of the usual school events that occur in Term 4. I look forward to meeting students and their families as soon as possible.

Finally, thank you to the College community – staff, students and parents – for making me feel so welcomed into the Montmorency Secondary College Community.

Fran Ibbott
Principal

ARTS 2021 ALIVE 2021

Principal's Introduction

Hello, I'm Fran Ibbott and I'm delighted to be the Principal of Montmorency Secondary College. I have a keen love and passion for education, and in particular, the Arts – and as a former Music student myself I offer a heartfelt welcome to Arts Alive, an online showcase of creative talent at Montmorency Secondary College and a little insider to the creative Monty community.

In education, artistic endeavors provide the opportunity to learn new techniques and artforms; and to practice and develop their skills. This also contributes to the broad educational opportunities we are proud of here at Montmorency.

Arts practice provides important opportunities for students to not only be creative but to learn to think creatively. To learn new and different skills that develop ideas, imagination, creativity, teach critical thinking and collaborate with others. The future of education and the future of careers will require young people to think critically, creatively and to transform their knowledge into new contexts; and the arts provide these important opportunities to learn and practice these skills.

Traditionally Arts Alive would be celebrated on college grounds through our Music Performance Night and an Exhibition and Awards Night, however, this year it is in an online format.

Arts Alive is an online display where we celebrate both the performing arts and visual arts, media, design and technology from our students and our community. The presentation of works you will see are talented and diverse, which includes original performances, digital music, short films, sculptures, paintings, drawing, animations, photographs, food, metalwork and woodwork.

The magnificent range of participants include Montmorency students, staff, guardians and parents as well as some of our local primary school students.

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions in making this event something very special and a reflection of not only our College Community, but our broader community.

We invite you to explore and enjoy this wonderful collaboration of creativity.



MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

PROUDLY PRESENTS

*AN ONLINE SHOWCASE OF STUDENT & COMMUNITY
TALENTS IN THE AREAS OF ART, DESIGN, DRAMA,
MEDIA, MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY AND TECHNOLOGY.*

ARTS 2021 ALIVE 2021

**The Arts Alive 2021 Online Exhibition will be
launched on:**

Wednesday 3rd November, 2021!

The online exhibition will be on display until October 2022.

You can view the exhibition on our website in the 'Beyond the
Classroom - Arts Alive 2021' menu.

<http://www.montysc.vic.edu.au>



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Montage 2021

The 2021 edition of the Montmorency Secondary College Yearbook, Montage is currently in production and will be distributed to students in Term 1, 2022. The College only purchases the number of copies that have been pre-ordered. Thank you to those families who have already paid to receive their copy. If you have not yet paid, but would like to secure a copy of **Montage 2021**, please pay \$25 to the College Cashier no later than Friday 5th November, 2021.

WELFARE NEWS



The Wellbeing Team are thrilled to be back and are keen to catch up with students in the Hub to say 'Hello'. We have some new members who have joined the team and we warmly welcome them.

Jennett Colyer is one of our new Mental Health Practitioners and she joins us each Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Jennett is a Social Worker and also a member of the Montmorency community and comes with years of experience in education and working with young people.



Mental Health Practitioner and Clinical Psychologist **Kiira Gavralas** also joins the Wellbeing Team. Kiira has previously worked with Headspace and we welcome her to the Hub each Monday.



Mental Health Promotions Nurse **Jessica Mansie** also joins the Wellbeing Team. Jess is excited to have the opportunity provide health and wellbeing support and advice to Montmorency Secondary College in the form of the Secondary School Nurse Access Program in 2021/ 22, we welcome her



The rest of the team remains steady, **Nurse Jo Mcnamara**, School Counsellor **Luke Mitchell & Mika** the Wonder Dog, Psychologist **Vaughan Losewitz** and myself will all (with everything going to plan) return to school, as planned, ready to go, bigger and better in 2022.

If we can assist you or your young person in any way, please feel free to contact me at the Wellbeing Hub on 9422 1632.

Cheers!

Sue Muir

Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

WELFARE NEWS

The Dangers of Vaping/ Smoking E-Cigarettes

Hi All,

I am receiving reports from various schools and parents about an increase of young people smoking E-cigarettes.

'Nicotine-free' E-cigarettes or vaporising fluid are legally sold in Victoria to over 18s. These tend to be used in refillable vaporisers. (Some can also be used with cannabis and are like tiny ovens)

Although young people are purchasing illicit 'sealed' disposable E-cigarettes from various outlets or online. These contain unregulated levels of nicotine and are not legal in Victoria. 3-4 puffs may be the equivalent of smoking a whole cigarette.

These sealed illegal units may contain several hundred puffs, and are sold much cheaper than cigarettes per puff. They are often manufactured to appear like USB sticks, pens and other normal items.

If you are interested, below are links to a couple of TED Talks videos. One video is shorter and designed for a younger audience.

Plus there is also a link to some more information about E-cigarettes in Victoria.

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/e-cigarettes#what-does-the-law-say-about-e-cigarettes>

https://www.ted.com/talks/suchitra_krishnan_sarin_what_you_should_know_about_vaping_and_e_cigarettes?language=en

https://www.ted.com/talks/trayii_iyer_danger_of_vaping_dec_2020

Kind Regards,

Luke Mitchell
Youth Counsellor



Second Hand Uniform



I have a very good supply of second-hand uniforms which I am very happy to distribute to families to tide them over into the New Year.

Please feel free to give me a call if you

require any uniforms and I am happy for families to collect/ swap clothing. I have a good supply of shorts, shirts, jumpers, jackets and shoes.

Sue Muir

Coming Soon Parent Resource Drive

As a parent of teenagers, it can be hard to navigate mood swings, stress, anxiety, self-esteem, depression and many more issues and supporting them through these tough times. Finding relevant and suitable information can take a while to find. Coming soon parents will be able to access information on a range of topics.





connecting & communicating with your young person: parent / carer webinar

headspace National, are presenting a webinar for parents and carers of young people.

Information presented will cover:

- Understanding your young person, and recognising mental health difficulties
- Managing the challenges of parenting young people today
- Having better conversations with your young person
- Connecting your young person with the right help and support

The webinar will consist of a presentation on mental health, with a focus on noticing mental health difficulties in young people and supporting them to open up and communicate with you about their challenges, in order to seek help if needed.

How do I register?

Click here to register via Eventbrite. or copy the following URL into your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/greensborough-parent-carer-webinar-communicating-with-youth-registration-189413339397>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar. *Please note this webinar will not be recorded.*

All those who register will receive a digital information pack, after the webinar, that includes key messages as well as links to resources & support services.

Contact: For more information email: programsupport@headspace.org.au

When: Wednesday 24th November at 7pm AEDT

Where: online via zoom

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

Women's Only Slide Night

#PrivacyProtected

NEW DATE! NOV 27th • 7:30 PM - 10 PM

\$3 Entry

Unlimited Waterslide rides!
Spa, Sauna & Pool Facilities
Females of all ages are welcomed
Boys under 5 included (Under 4yrs FREE)

WaterMarc
1 Flintoff St, Greensborough VIC

All the glass windows will be protected with an opaque material to keep the event private from the public eye.

Jess Sayers
0428 522 656
jessica.sayers@banyule.vic.gov.au
Bookings Encouraged
<https://www.watermarc.com.au>
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au>



Free Sex Education Guide for Parents and Carers

Want more advice on how to discuss relationships and sexuality with young people in your life?

Download our **Sexual Education Guide for Parents and Carers** and encourage more confident conversations.

[Download Guide](#)

Dungeons & Dragons: monthly gatherings

We meet on the first Saturday of each month, the next one is on:
Saturday 6 November 2021
online on zoom 2pm-4pm

For bookings contact Lisa Said on
0427 833 321 or lisa.said@banyule.vic.gov.au



SEX EDUCATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Always be open and honest. This way your young person is more likely to turn to you for accurate information and answers to their questions.



VTAC Important Dates Year 12 Students

VCE results and ATAR	Online	
Closing date for change of address & payment to receive ATAR statement by mail	6 th December 2021	
Closing date to be considered for 14 th January offer round & subsequent rounds	20 th December 2021	
VCE results & ATAR	16th December (7am)	20th December (Post)
Change of Preference	Open 9am 16 th December	Closes 20 th December (4pm)
Note: Michael Weeding (Careers & Pathways) is available at school during the 16 th & 17 th December for student counselling regarding pathways and change of preference.		
January Offer round	14 th January 2022 (VTAC account 2pm)	
Change of Preference	Open 4pm 14 th January	Closes 20 th January (4pm)
February offer round 1	1 st February 2022 (VTAC account 2pm)	
Change of Preference	Open 4pm 1 st February	Closes 2 nd February (4pm)
February offer round 2	8 th February 2022 (VTAC account 2pm)	
Change of Preference	Open 4pm 8 th February	Closes 9 th February (4pm)
February offer round 3	14 th February 2022 (VTAC account 2pm)	
Change of Preference	Open 4pm 14 th February	Closes 15 th February (4pm)
February offer round 4	18 th February 2022 (VTAC account 2pm)	

For students who are thinking of an apprenticeship or traineeship, Career Hub offers both inspiration and a straightforward pathway to a bright future. Career Hub features a free Job Board which is packed with job opportunities. For those who aren't sure exactly what their career pathway should be, they can take our Career Quiz to narrow down their searches and choices.

Career Hub also provides free access to:

- *Job hunting tips and tricks
- *Assistance with resume and cover letters
- *Skills assessment
- *Dedicated Career and Recruitment Consultants to help guide them along their career path

Students are encouraged to fully complete their Career Hub profile, including a skills assessment, and upload their resume. This means that their application will stand out to employers, giving them the best chance of scoring a job they'll love.

Want to know more? Visit our Career Hub or contact your local apprenticeship experts today! <https://www.megt.com.au/about-us/services/career-hub-apprentices-and-trainees>

CAREERS NEWS

DESIGN CLUB

The Tech School Design Club is back!

Made for those with a passion in digital design.

Basic Drawing

Gradient

Tracing

Perspective

Over six weeks, students engage in topics that include basic drawing, tracing, perspective, gradient and collage using industry-standard design software, Adobe Illustrator.

Enjoy live demonstrations of tools and techniques from our expert facilitators, followed by time for students to create their own designs.

This club will provide a fun opportunity to be creative whilst learning how to use a powerful and professional design tool!

Collage

Text

DATES: 19th Oct- 23rd Nov

Time: Tuesdays from 4:00 pm – 5:30pm

Location: Banyule Nillumbik Tech School, 61 Civic Drive, Greensborough

Please complete the form at <http://bit.ly/DesignClubT421>

For more information: msquid@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au

BANYULE NILLUMBIK
TECH
SCHOOL

MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC

Creative Arts Degrees Information Session

Bachelor of Music, Illustration, Songwriting & Music Production

Tuesday November 23

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Come and meet the teams that run the Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Songwriting & Music Production, and Bachelor of Illustration. Receive a tour of our beautiful campus at Fairfield and receive advice on a course of study that suits your career path and goals.

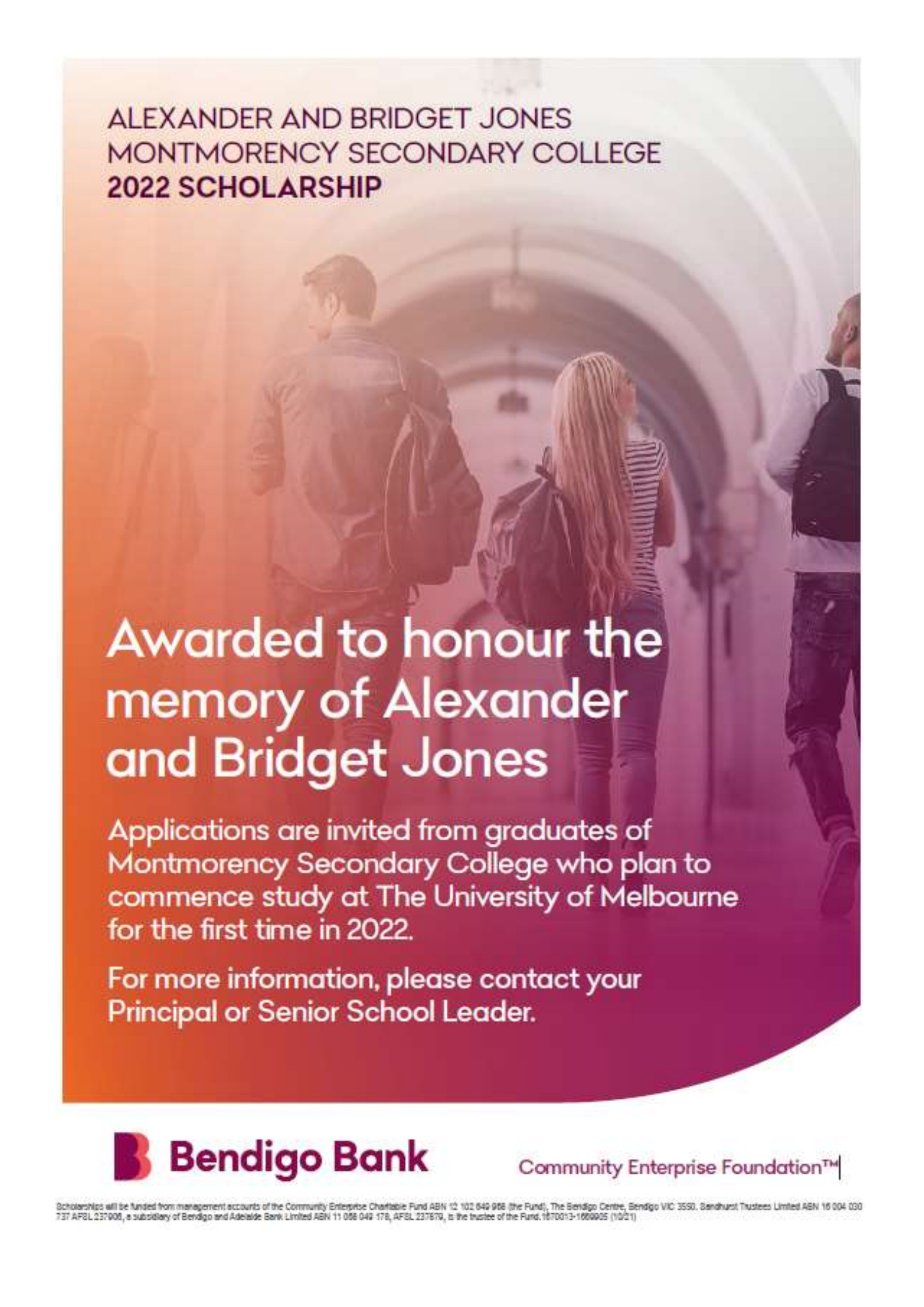
<https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/about-us/news-and-events/events/creative-arts-higher-education-information-session-november-23rd/>

Careers with STEM

Mr Weeding has a number of magazines available 'Career with Stem'

Any student interested in STEM pathways is welcome to collect one from the careers office.





ALEXANDER AND BRIDGET JONES
MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE
2022 SCHOLARSHIP

**Awarded to honour the
memory of Alexander
and Bridget Jones**

Applications are invited from graduates of Montmorency Secondary College who plan to commence study at The University of Melbourne for the first time in 2022.

For more information, please contact your Principal or Senior School Leader.



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ALEXANDER AND BRIDGET JONES MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP

Going to The University of Melbourne in 2022?

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	<p>To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must have graduated from Montmorency Secondary College in either 2021 or in 2020 (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 2022 (in an approved Australian course)- Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident- Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2022 (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	1 December 2021
Applications close	18 February 2022
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 1 December 2021. 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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