



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

17th February, 2017 Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

A warm welcome to Montmorency Secondary College for the 2017 school year. I would particularly like to welcome all of our Year 7 students, and our many new students and their families at other year levels, to our College for the first time. We have nine full classes of Year 7 students and quite a number of students at other levels who have moved from other areas of Victoria, interstate or even overseas. We look forward to a long and rewarding partnership on this exciting educational journey at Montmorency.

I am very pleased to report that our 2016 Year 12 students had an outstanding year of academic achievement whereby 98% achieved an offer in the first round of preferences at University or TAFE. Just as impressively, in the combined Nillumbik and Banyule Network of schools we achieved the second top Median VCE score of 30. Also, 50% of our Year 12 students who were eligible for an ATAR were in the top 30% of study scores in the state, 11% of our students achieved an ATAR in the 90's. Congratulations to our students and their teachers on this significant and highly creditable achievement.

There is more good news following our outstanding set of VCE results in 2016, and certainly *Pride in Achievement*. Each year our VCE results inform a Government School Ranking and this is taken very seriously by government, The Department of Education and Training, The Regions and the media. Out of nearly 300 Government Secondary Schools who offer VCE to students, we were ranked at 187 in 2012, not all that impressive. This was the second year of our new leadership team and it was then that we began our Powerful Learning journey in earnest with a determined aim to achieve school improvement. We gathered and analysed multiple sources of student data which we actioned to begin our journey. I did have some important and critical discussions with our former Regional Director, Wayne Craig and also Professor David Hopkins and our journey of improvement started. I am pleased to say that it was embraced by nearly every member of staff.

In 2012, 187 was not an impressive ranking. In 2013, we moved up to Secondary School number 64. In 2014 we dropped back to Secondary School number 86. In 2015, we improved to be Secondary School number 60. Now, after our results in 2016, we are impressively ranked as Secondary School number 30.

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.

Please return all permission and medical forms by Friday 17th February.



**Congratulations to Travis Lambert,
recipient of the 2016 SBAT (School Based Apprenticeship Training) Award.**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Another impressive aspect of this ranking is that 8% of our Year 12 students in 2016 achieved study scores of 40 plus. Also, two of our students, one in English and one in Further Maths, achieved a perfect score of 50. We know that a 6 year journey of learning and teaching takes place to achieve these special results and I congratulate our Year 12 students of 2016 and their teachers for this outstanding set of results.

Our 2017 student numbers are certainly an endorsement of the standing and positive direction the College has been taking in recent years. We have again surpassed last year's bumper crop at Year 7 and we have 9 full classes in place for 2017, 213 students. Our numbers at other year levels have also increased and, as I have already indicated, families have come from other parts of the state, interstate and even overseas. Impressively, our total student enrolment currently sits at 885 students, 70 more than 2016.

As reported at the end of 2016, we had some staff who moved on to other positions. Heather May (Maths/Science) has now retired from Public Education after 15 years of dedicated service to our College and we wish her well for the future. At the beginning of this year, Andrew Laveglia (Instrumental Brass Teacher), has also resigned from the Department after teaching one day a week at Montmorency for the past 30 years. We also thank Andrew for his service to the College and wish him well for the future.

Hence, in 2017, we have some new and returning faces to the College:

- John Stapleton returns to us after Long Service Leave in Term 4 last year, to teach English and Humanities.
- Grace Van Lammeren (Library/AV Technician) returns after 18 months of Leave Without Pay.
- Suzanne Dennaoui returns to the College as a 0.6 Maths/Science teacher after 6 years of family leave.
- Kim Faulkner returns to us as 0.6 Physical Education teacher and resumes her Leading Teacher portfolio of Student Involvement and Enrichment.
- Ryan Swan (0.8 English/Humanities/VCAL/Legal Studies) returns to the College after 18 months of secondment to the Heidelberg Teaching Unit.
- Gemma Seymour (Psychology/Humanities) was a contract teacher at Montmorency in 2012 and she has returned to us this year (12 month contract) on loan from Hazelglen College.

We also have 8 new appointees at the College for 2017:

- Ben Sowden 1.0 (Maths/PE) will also be taking on Year 8 Level Co-ordination
- Amy Clarke 1.0 (English/Humanities)
- Hamish Yule 1.0 (Japanese/Humanities)
- Luke Dixon 1.0 (Drama/Theatre Studies)
- Rebecca Culnane 1.0 (Legal Studies/Humanities)
- Kate Furphy 1.0 (Maths/Science) has been appointed this year to replace George Dimitriadis until he returns from leave either in term 2 or term 3.
- Zoe Manallack (Science/Maths) will be with us during term one to replace Kati Stone who has taken carers leave after the very recent and tragic mountain bike accident suffered by her partner that has left him in a very serious condition.
- Megane Autin has joined our staff this year as a French Language Assistant, and we share her with Montmorency South Primary School.

For the first two days of the official school year, our staff was again involved in a comprehensive Staff Development and

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Organisational Program. This program has been carefully planned to achieve excellent outcomes and the best possible start to the 2017 school year for all students. This included insightful presentations to the staff by the Principal Team and Leading Teachers.

The Alpha Program to commence the school year for Years 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 and all the necessary imperatives to ensure a smooth and meaningful start to the year. There will be a follow up session of this program for our Year 7 students on Friday 10th March.

On another highly positive note, I would like to draw your attention to our eighth Annual Awards Evening, held on Monday 19th December, 2016 to a packed audience at the Plenty Valley Ranges Convention Centre in South Morang. It was again a true celebration of our College motto 'Pride in Achievement'. Congratulations to our Awards Co-ordinator, Leading Teacher Caitlin Penrose, and also Natalie McDonnell and Kim Faulkner and our awards team of dedicated staff for their wonderful support in organising such an impressive 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 for their contribution on the evening; Lloyd Grills, Amy Baker, Callum Daley, Abbey Bullen, Claire Vincent, Blake Dillon, Max Dowell and Joel Marlin-Tribe. The audience were also given an interesting and reflective speech by Joel Marlin-Tribe and some insights into his work with refugees as well as his valued school days and educational experiences at our College.

By now, most students who ordered and paid for a copy of 'Montage 2016', our annual College magazine, will have received it. It is a different product to previous years with different binding and colour photographs by teacher Michelle Clark and her Year 10 Journalism class. Congratulations on this wonderful effort to Michelle and her students. We have used a new publisher and printer and unfortunately we produced an error on Page 7 (Senior School Awards) due to a glitch in our database. The SBAT (School Based Apprenticeship Training) Award for 2016 was achieved by Travis Lambert of Year 12 and not Darcy Vedder as printed. This is one of our most prestigious awards and we congratulate Travis on his achievement. I do apologise to Travis, his classmates and his family for this unfortunate error. In his six years at the College, Travis has been not only an outstanding student, but also a wonderful role model to his peers and the younger students. He has also been an outstanding and consistent high achiever in his sporting pursuits and has proudly represented the College in many teams. Travis's School Based Apprenticeship was undertaken with a furniture making business. They reclaim demolition hardwoods and turn them into high-end furniture. Along with his work one day a week, Travis attended TAFE, undertaking his Certificate III in Cabinet Making. In addition to his studies, Travis was consistently involved in school activities and many important community fundraising events. Well done Travis.

Tuesday 7th February was a significant marker in the history of the College. This was the day that the builders, MelbCon, now complete with a building permit, started work on our \$14m redevelopment project. Exciting times are ahead for the next 2 years which is the anticipated timeline for the project. Initial demolition and surveying has commenced as well as site establishment and services aggregation. There are now a lot of areas fenced off and movement around parts of the College is restricted for students, staff and visitors. The office and amenities wing of the gymnasium is already out of action for building to take place. We will try and minimise disruption for students and learning programs as much as possible in the coming weeks as other areas of redevelopment commence.

Later in this Newsletter, there is an article on our College Council elections which take place at this time every year. Parent and Staff representatives are selected for two years and this is a vital part of our College governance. As such, I urge all parents 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 DAY & 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.

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 DAY AND INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 2nd MAY, 2017

SCHOLARSHIPS INTO YEAR 7, 2018 ARE NOW AVAILABLE

**Middle School
Homework Club 2017
(Year 7, 8 and 9)**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Middle School is 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 8th February in C7.

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

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

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

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

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

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

John Stapleton
On behalf of the Middle School

TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

Mon 20th—Wed 22nd February	Year 7 Camp 1—7A, 7F, 7G
Wed 22nd—Fri 24th February	Year 7 Camp 2—7B, 7E, 7J
Mon 27th Feb—Wed 1st March	Year 7 Camp 3—7C, 7D, 7H
Thur 23rd February	Year 10-12 Maths Information Evening—7pm
Tues 28th February	Year 7-9 Maths Information Evening—7pm
Fri 3rd March	Nillumbik Swimming
Wed 8th March	School Council Meeting—7:30pm
Mon 13th March	Labour Day
Wed 15th March	Athletics Carnival
Thur 16th March	Year 7 Vaccinations
Tues 21st March	Whole School Assembly
Friday 24th March	Student Progress Reports Distributed
Tue 28th March	Student Progress Interview Day 1
Thur 30th March	Student Progress Interview Day 2
Fri 31st March	END OF TERM—Finish 1:22pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

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.

For most School Councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- ♦ A mandated elected Parent category
- ♦ A mandated elected DEECD employee category
- ♦ An optional Community member category

Generally the term of office for all members is two years.

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 in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

There are four (4) Parent Member Category vacancies on the Montmorency Secondary College School Council for 2017. 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 Early Childhood Development (DEECD) can nominate as a parent representative as long as they do not teach at the school where they nominate.

Nominations open **9.00am on Monday 13th February, 2017** and close **4.00pm Monday 20th February, 2017**. The term of office is for two years, commencing in March, 2017. A nomination form is attached on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

Candidates may choose one of two ways to nominate. They have the option of self-nominating or being nominated by an eligible person. There is no requirement for a nomination to have a seconder.

Please return nomination forms to the Principal's Personal Assistant, Rose Taranto, by **4.00pm Monday 20th February, 2017**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the College on 9422 1500.

Allan Robinson,
Principal

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Victorian Government has recently introduced an initiative that will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. This initiative is the **Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**.

The CSEF will assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. It is an annual payment which is made directly to the school that the eligible student attends and is tied to that student.

IF YOU HOLD A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD, OR ARE A TEMPORARY FOSTER PARENT, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE CSEF.

The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

- \$125 for Primary school students.
- \$225 for Secondary school students.

Please note that the allowance will not be paid to parents, but will instead be paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The CSEF payments are for the application year only and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Please lodge your CSEF Application Form with the Bursar as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on the 30th June, 2017.

NOTE: Year 7 students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. The College is required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest with the Bursar if you have not already done so.

Please contact the Bursar on 9422 1500 if you have any queries.

Fight Back
against cancer

Join a Cancer Council Victoria
Relay For Life event
relayforlife.org.au



MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE IS PARTICIPATING IN RELAY FOR LIFE 2017 AT DIAMOND VALLEY

25 & 26 MARCH, 2017

Montmorency Secondary College is again entering a team in the Diamond Valley Relay for Life held at Willinda Park, Greensborough from the 25th to the 26th of March. We would like to encourage students and their families to join our team and be involved in this community event and help us raise much needed funds for Relay for Life. More information will be provided closer to the event.

Please note the registration fee of \$20 goes up to \$25 on the 24th February.

To register follow the link below and then click on the register button on the right and then search for the Montmorency Secondary College team.

http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?fr_id=4217&pg=entry

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Kim Faulkner faulkner.kim.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

SRC Senior Leaders

LOTE NEWS

なつまつり

Japanese Summer Festival



26th February, 2017 at Federation Square

The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival returns again in 2017 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 26th and enjoy all that Japan has to offer.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR (VSSS)



The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people. The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria's government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

The Spectacular promotes student engagement and educational outcomes by boosting motivation and student attendance, building confidence and self-esteem, leadership skills, cooperation collaboration, forging friendships and a sense of belonging.

Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

This year Montmorency College will be participating in **2** areas of the Spectacular.

Mass Dance **Staff Contacts: Miss Short and Miss Shelton**

No previous experience is required to participate in the Mass Dance ensemble for the Spectacular.

Students will be selected by an internal audition process. There are only 16 places available.

Mass rehearsals are run in Melbourne each year beginning in Term 1. There will be three subsequent rounds of rehearsals. Students are also required to be onsite at Hisense Arena, Melbourne Park for production week (September 14th-16th) for full cast dress rehearsals and the performance. A detailed production week schedule will be communicated closer to the performance date.



Mass Choir **Staff contact: Mrs. Cooke**



No previous experience is required to participate in the Mass Choir ensemble for the Spectacular. Students will be selected by an internal audition process. There are only 20 places available.

It is up to each individual school to select students, there will be two mass choir rehearsals in Melbourne during Term 3. Dates for these rehearsals are provided once casting has been finalised and will be within school hours.

Students are also required to be onsite at Hisense Arena, Melbourne Park for production week (September 14th-16th) for full cast dress rehearsals and the performance. A detailed production week schedule will be communicated closer to the performance date.

Careers News – February 2017

Year 10 Work Experience

All year 10 students should now be finalizing arrangements for their work experience week from May 15th to 19th. Any students who have not yet arranged their work experience needs to do so as soon as possible so that all of the necessary arrangement forms can be prepared, signed and finalized by all parties prior to the commencement date. The web site, www.montypathways.com has a detailed support page with tips and links to excellent resources.

University offers for our 2016 year 12s

Our 2016 year 12 students were eagerly awaiting their tertiary place offers from Universities and TAFES in mid-January, and when the offers came through, the overwhelming feeling was one of excitement and relief. In fact, 78.3 percent of our (60) students who applied gained their first preferences, with 11.6 percent and 6.6 percent gaining their second and third preferences respectively. Latrobe University and RMIT were our top two destinations, followed by University of Melbourne and Swinburne University. The main subject areas chosen were Society and Culture, Creative Arts, Management/Commerce and Natural and Physical Sciences. These figures illustrate the thoughtful processes our students went through in making their selections and also their willingness to take advice where needed. Congratulations to all of our 2016 year 12 students for their excellent results and outcomes.

Upcoming careers related excursions

Avalon Airshow Excursion

At the time of writing this report, there are a few places available for the excursion to the Avalon International Air Show, being held on Friday 3rd March. Only 10 places are available in total. However, it's a very long day, starting at 6-15am and ending at about 9-30pm. If interested, see Mr Lukas or Mr Hallsworth for details.

Year 9 to 11 Experience Day at Kangan Institute, Cost: Free 23rd March – a selection of 23 year 9 to 11 students will attend Kangan Institute at the Docklands Campus to sample their range of offerings related mainly to the Automotive trades. This is a cost free excursion as all costs (transport, food etc) will be borne by Kangan Institute.

Year 10 Excursion to The VCE and Careers Expo, Cost \$15,-Caulfield Racecourse, Friday May 3rd. All of our year 10 students will attend this event as part of their Careers and Industry and Enterprise education. The Expo will showcase many educational institutions as well as representatives from industry and government organisations. This is a great opportunity for year 10 students to get first-hand information about a huge range of possible pathways open to them after school.

Year 11 excursion to the Spot Jobs Expo, Cost \$12 – Melbourne Exhibition Building, Friday 21st July. The SpotJobs Career Expo is the largest and most comprehensive careers event in Australia. This expo encompasses all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors. With over 18,000 attendees including jobseekers, apprentices, students and Graduates, this is a fantastic opportunity to capture your target audience to fill the positions required. It exhibits a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, and large University and training representation. All year 11 students are required to attend.

Helping your kids with career advice

Parents – are you wondering how to start talking to your child about career choices? Take a look at this website for some sound ideas <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/beyond/Pages/conversation.aspx>

That's all for now. If you have any questions regarding all things careers, please contact me:

Hallsworth.john.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Phone 9422 1662

YLEAD –AUSTRALIAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

When invited to attend the Australian Student Leadership Conference held on Melbourne University Campus, the four College Captains (Ruby, Ben, Taleah, Amelia) and Montmorency's Interact President, Bridget, were excited but nervous at the prospect of being in an unfamiliar environment. If asked to describe this camp in three words, not one of us would be able to do so. The truth is, is that no three words could possibly describe the experience. It was not like your regular camp.

This experience gave us the opportunity to jump out of our comfort zone, allowing us to make new life-long friends across Victoria and Tasmania who are just as willing to carry the same strong beliefs as us about becoming better leaders and giving back to the community.



It also gave us the opportunity to reflect on the reasons why we are passionate about leadership, and being involved in the community; while giving us the necessary skills to develop our ideas into a smart plan that we can bring to the College this year.

As a team we were asked to discuss some areas that we believed needed improvement in our school community and create an effective motto to make a change. The motto we came up with was *R.E.S.P.E.C.T, find out what it means to M.S.C.* This means that we want to promote the importance of respect within our school, not only between students but teachers and the wider community as well.



We have a few ideas that we will hopefully implement within the next few terms. On behalf of the Montmorency students who attended YLead, we would like to extend our greatest gratitude to Mr Robinson, our College Principal, and the teachers involved, who allowed us this once in a lifetime opportunity. This will definitely be cherished forever!

Taleah, Ruby, Ben, Amelia, Bridget
College Captains

Year 7 Vaccinations in 2017

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students were sent out the vaccine consent card booklet in November last year to complete and return to the College. If you have not already done so, you need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A, regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Banyule City Council Immunisation Service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Please contact the College **by the 28th February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the Banyule City Council Immunisation Service.**

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS WHO DROP STUDENTS OFF BY CAR

Parents are not to enter the Dobson Road or Simms Road driveways or carparks when bringing students to the College of a morning or collecting them in the afternoon. These are areas of high pedestrian density providing access to many areas of the College. This applies to every school day including whole school and excursion activity days. Increased traffic in these areas poses a serious threat to the safety of staff and students and there are signs to this affect prohibiting drop off and pick up by parents.

Allan Robinson
Principal

Trash and Treasure Garage Sale

By 1st / 2nd Greensborough Scout Group

1st / 2nd Greensborough Scout Hall
Beatrice Street
Willinda Park, Greensborough

SATURDAY
25th FEB
10am – 4pm

Trash and Treasure
Devonshire Tea
Cake Stall
Sausage Sizzle
Stall hire available

All proceeds go towards new tents for the Group.
Ph: 90282797
Email: groupleader@greensboroughscouts.org

SCOUTS
AUSTRALIA

Greensborough Boys at Gallipoli



Diamond Valley Library

Wednesday 26 April

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Local Military Historian **Terry Phillips** will discuss his research on WW1 enlistments from Greensborough who served on Gallipoli.

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.



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 seven 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



2017 NEW SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

In order for students to travel on the College school buses (serviced by Mees Buslines) they MUST carry a Myki Card and an official colour-coded Montmorency Secondary College Bus Pass.

To organise a College Bus Pass students need to do the following:

1. Establish which bus stop is the nearest to your home.
2. On an envelope write your Name, Home Group and Bus Run Number of the bus you will need to travel on.
3. Place \$2.00 in the envelope (\$4.00 for a replacement pass if lost or if purchased after the deadline).
4. Place the envelope in the wooden BUS PASS box on the counter in the General Office.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BUS PASS APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AS SOON POSSIBLE ONCE TERM 1 BEGINS

As Bus Passes are distributed later in Term 1 you may travel on the bus that stops nearest to your home but MUST have a Myki Card. Once bus passes have been distributed you are expected to carry the pass and a Myki Card at all times when travelling on the bus.

For any further details regarding buses – please phone the school (9422 1500) and ask for the Bus Manager, Brigitte Hone.

MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

2017 BUS ROUTES

A Myki Card is required to use the bus. Buses unload in Magpie Place, behind the pavilion, at the Montmorency Oval. Bus times are approximate and buses depart from the College at 3.30pm.

Pick Up Time	MONTMORENCY BUS RUN 1 (1216-010)	Melway Ref	Drop Time
8:19	Aqueduct Rd at St Helena Shops Bus Stop	11 G9	15:51
8:20	Aqueduct Rd & Dario Crt	11 F8	15:50
8:21	Aqueduct Rd & Ezio Crt	11 E8	15:49
8:24	Diamond Creek Rd Opp McLaughlans Ln	11 D7	15:46
8:27	Plenty River Dr at Diamond Hills Reserve	11C8	15:43
8:28	Plenty River Dr & Punkerri Cres	11 C9	15:42
8:30	Civic Dr & Brentwick Dr	11 A10	15:40
8:33	Diamond Creek Rd & Greenhill Rd	11 B10	15:37
8:36	Diamond Creek Rd Greensborough at Shell Garage	20 K1	15:34

Pick Up Time	MONTMORENCY BUS RUN 2 (1216-004)	Melway Ref	Drop Time
8:25	Plenty River Dr & Civic Dr	10 K10	15:43
8:27	Plenty River Dr & Booyan Cres	10 J10	15:41
8:28	Plenty River Dr & Mura Cl	10 J11	15:39
8:30	Plenty River Dr & Manatunga Cct	10 K12	15:37

Pick Up Time	MONTMORENCY BUS RUN 3 (1216-011)	Melway Ref	Drop Time
8:19	Karingal Dr & Weidlich Rd at bus stop in Weidlich Rd	21 F3	15:39
8:20	Progress Rd & Nungeroo Cl	21 E2	15:41
8:22	Progress Rd & Lauriston Rd	21 G2	15:43
8:25	Ryans Rd & Pymm Ave	11 H12	15:46
8:26	St Helena Rd & Allumba Dr	11 F10	15:51
8:28	St Helena Rd & Paulette Close	11 E12	15:53
8:29	St Helena Rd & Karingal Dr	21 D1	15:54
8:34	Sherbourne Rd near Kindergarten	21 F3	15:36

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL ON THE COLLEGE SCHOOL BUSES (SERVICED BY MEES BUSLINES) THEY MUST CARRY A MYKI CARD AND AN OFFICIAL COLOUR CODED MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE BUS PASS.

School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the

.....school council.

Name:

.....
Residential address:

Home telephone:

Business telephone:

Email:

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

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Yes / No (please circle)

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 and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate

Date / /

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).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on.....

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.