



END OF TERM 2—EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday 28th June, 2019

Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm

TERM 3 COMMENCES MONDAY 15TH JULY, 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The 2019 College Production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' has been a wonderful success for our College and our students. The real planning and preparatory organisation began for the production well before the end of 2018 and credit for its success must go to a great number of students and staff involved. Following last year's production of 'Shrek Jr The Musical' it has been another exciting journey of success and achievement for the College and one that has again been widely celebrated throughout the entire Montmorency Secondary College community.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

Months of planning, organisation, auditions, recruitment, practice, hard work, nervous energy, teaching, coaching and both raw and refined talent culminated in a week of exciting performance, entertainment, musicality and artistic achievement. We held three dress rehearsals attended by primary school students and staff from Greenhills, Greensborough, Lower Plenty, Montmorency South, Sherbourne, Streeton, Watsonia and Watsonia Heights Primary Schools. Then the main events, our Friday and Saturday evening shows were 'sell outs' and our audiences and special guest were certainly enthralled by two high quality and thoroughly entertaining performances.

Our cast, musicians, orchestra, backstage and crew and by no means least, production team, were superb and our students were amazing with their commitment and talent. Feedback to myself and the College has been glowing and the future scope and direction of our artistic programs are now very exciting, especially as our cast were relatively young again this year. In terms of student participation, statistically we had 46 cast and ensemble members, 14 orchestra members, 3 back stage and crew and one student doing the hair and make-up. As a College we are incredibly proud of all of our students involved in the production.

When an event is such a great success it is hard to individualise praise but I would really like to acknowledge and thank our Director and Production Teams who together have achieved so much with our students. Thank you and congratulations to Director – Jason Mill, Musical Director – Sharon Cooke, Choreographer and Costumes – Stephanie Short, Production Manager – Georgia Robinson, Costumes – Jessica Franklin, Ticketing – Lisa Ball, Lighting and Sound – Mark Lohrey, Jayden Stenton and Paige Manley-Breen, Backstage Crew – Spencer Grant and Lachie Skinner, Make-up and Hair – Mikaela Williams and Scenic Artist – Keira Gillottie.

On another aspect of our creative arts it is pleasing to report that our annual mid-year Music concert, held on the evening of Monday 20th May, was once again a great success. The students were well-supported by parents, family members and friends in our Auditorium. We were all very impressed by the variety and quality of the musical talent of the performers and how they are progressing. Our bands, ensembles, choir, and individual performances, entertained the large audience and the growth and development of the program continues. Congratulations to all our Music students and a special acknowledgement to our Team of Instrumental Music Teachers for their dedication to our students and the program.

Our team is led by Instrumental and Classroom Music Co-ordinator, Sharon Cooke who is also our strings teacher. We also have Anthony Citino (Percussion and Bass), Cheryl Clark (Woodwind), Evan Clements (Brass), Tania Grimshaw (Vocals), Joanne Siegersma (Piano) and Nick Costanzo (Guitar).

On Friday 17th May we held a Year 7 Wellbeing Day wonderfully organised by our Year 7 Co-ordination Team of Sonia Culcasi (Sub School Leader) and Gemma Pearson and Belinda Bell (Year 7 Level Co-ordinators). The emphasis of this day was team building and a number of staff also provided a sausage sizzle lunch for our Year 7 students. Year 7's worked on a 'banner' and a chant for their home room and group. There was also a 'Cyber Busters' presentation to educate our Year 7 students in relation to cyber safety. This was followed up by a dodge ball competition which was won by the 7F home group.

In week 4 our Year 10 students undertook the Work Experience Program held by the College. This program was overseen by our Work Experience and Careers and Pathways Co-ordinator, Michael Weeding, Senior School Assistant, Leora Levacic, and Year 10 Sub School Leader, Matthew Bennett, who all played important roles in directing students through this process. It has been a most beneficial experience as it helps to inform students as to their work and carer choices in the future. The experience not only helps to identify and work on their employability skills, it also helps to direct their course of study undertaken to achieve each individual student's career and study goals. The process now sees each of our Year 10 students counselled at the College level into their career pathways and each student now develops a career action plan.

In Week 6 of this term, we held three Year 8 activity camps at Billabong Ranch in Echuca. This was a very successful and enjoyable experience attended by most of our Year 8 students, along with their Year Level Co-ordinators and Home Group teachers. Most of the activities were conducted at or close by to the ranch and included horse riding, orienteering, commando courses, bouldering (rock climbing), archery, volleyball, night walks and star gazing, initiatives (low ropes course), bush first aid, paddle boats, a bonfire with marshmallow tasting and whip cracking.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

On the evening of Friday 7th June I was invited to and attended the '2019 Victorian Budget Sports Briefing' with the Honourable Martin Pakula (State MP for Keysborough and Minister for Racing, Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade and Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events) and the Honourable Vicki Ward (State Member of Parliament for Eltham and Parliamentary Secretary for Public Transport and Infrastructure). At this briefing the budget funding for sports facilities in our area was announced and celebrated by Martin and Vicki and we attracted the most attention in their comments announcing our \$16.1 million Basketball Stadium extension and redevelopment which is by far one of the largest sporting projects for this government. There were a number of other schools and sporting clubs present, but our project and our College was certainly presented in glowing terms.

Recently the College received some sad news with the passing of the founding Principal of our College, Alec McCulloch, when it was formerly known as Montmorency High School. Alec was also the founding Principal of Pakenham High School before moving to Montmorency High School and his final appointment was Principal of Mount Waverley High School before retirement. When he passed away Alec was ten weeks short of his 103rd birthday and was living in Warrnambool. Alec enlisted in the Navy in 1940 while a student at Melbourne Teachers College. He received a good deal of publicity recently as he was one of Australia's oldest surviving World War II servicemen. He was second officer on the Royal Australian Navy corvette H.M.A.S. Ipswich during World War II and retired from the naval Reserve around 1970 with the rank of lieutenant Commander.

Regards

Allan Robinson
Principal

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE DAY—THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 2018

"As students progress through school they need to be encouraged and supported to take greater responsibility for their own learning, their participation in learning activities and the quality of their learning outcomes. They need to develop a sense of themselves as learners and develop the knowledge and skills to manage their own learning and emotions. As they do this, they move from being supported learners to autonomous learners." (AusVELS - Personal Learning)

In line with the AusVELS emphasis on student responsibility for personal learning, the College continues to focus on students developing and working towards their own goals. As part of the process, we feel that it is very important that all students spend time reviewing their first semester report.

In order to maximise the impact of the reports we have designated **Thursday 25th July, 2018** as the day for this review. Students will meet with their Home Group teacher, Co-ordinator, or Sub-school Leader to discuss what they have identified as positives or areas of concern and develop strategies to overcome these problems.

There will be no formal classes on that Thursday, but it is compulsory that all students attend their interview at the pre-arranged time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their child for this interview. Students who do not arrange an interview will need to meet with a Co-ordinator and their parents to discuss their progress at a future date and will be marked absent for the day.

All students will be provided with a Self Assessment Sheet to work on in preparation for the Student Led Conference Day. Parents and guardians are encouraged to take some time to work on this with their children prior to the day.

Bookings for the Student Led Conference interviews will be done online. Parents will be notified as soon as the database becomes operational.

Sub-School Leaders, the Careers Counsellor and the Student Welfare Coordinator will be available during the day to discuss any concerns with parents. If you have any questions please contact your child's Home Group Teacher, Mentor or the Sub-School Leader as soon as possible on 9422 1500.

Allan Robinson
Principal

TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

Mon 15th July	Term 3 Begins
Thur 25th July	Student Led Conference Day
Thur 25th July	Senior School Course & Careers Expo
Tue 30th July	Whole School Assembly
Tue 30th July	Challenge/Bridging Parent Meeting
Wed 31st July	School Council—7:30pm
Thur 8th August	Year 10 Careers Counselling & Subject Selection
Fri 16th August	Year 12 Dress For Success Day
Fri 16th August	NASA Trivia Night
Sat 17th August	Presentation Ball No. 1
Fri 23rd August	House Off
Thur 29th August	Year 12 Parent VTAC Information Evening—6:30pm
Thur 5th September	Oxfam Music Fundraising Concert—7:00pm
Sat 7th September	Presentation Ball No. 2
Tue 10th September	Curriculum Day
Wed 11th September	School Council—7:30pm
Wed 18th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Fri 20th September	END OF TERM—Finish 1:22pm

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

Please note that Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 end-of-semester reports will be distributed on Friday 28th June, 2019 via the parent portal. Parents/Guardians will need their family user ID and password to access the portal.

If you require assistance in accessing the portal please contact the College on 9422 1500. Year 12 reports will be distributed early in Term 3 on Friday 19th July, 2019.

PRESENTATION BALL—GROUP 1

Reminder to Group 1 that the first practice session will be on Sunday 14th July (last Sunday of the school holidays) from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Lower Plenty Scout Hall. **Everyone must attend.**



The annual Bastille Day French Festival will be held this year at Federation Square

This 2 day event (Friday 12 July 4:00pm—1:00pm and Saturday 13 July 10:00am—10:00pm) is a great opportunity to enjoy a nice glass of wine with cheese and charcuterie in the atmosphere of a French Winter Market.

Visitors will have the opportunity to win a trip to Paris and much more! You will find all the details about the Bastille Day French Festival and the raffle at bastilledaymelbourne.com

BORNEO TOUR 2020

Attention all families with year 9 and 10 students this year,

As your child will be in year 10 or 11 next year, they are eligible to go on the Borneo Tour in 2020. The tour is open to all students who will be in year 10 or 11 next year. The tour will run from

June 20 - July 5 in 2020 (last week of term 2 and first week of school holidays). An information night for students and their parents/guardians about the tour was held on Wednesday 26th June at 7.00 pm in the staff room. If you were unable to make this session please contact Ms. Sapina for information and/or to express interest in your child going on the tour.

The Borneo tour is a trip of a lifetime. It will run after the Semester 1 exams have finished.

Hope to see you there,

Borneo Tour 2020 Leader

Ivanka Sapina

Direct line 9422 1621

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NESPRESSO RECYCLING PROGRAM

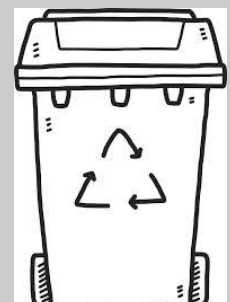
For all you coffee drinkers out there, Montmorency Secondary College has organised to be a collection point for Nespresso coffee capsules.

Unfortunately, domestic recycling systems in Australia are currently unable to effectively sort and recycle small items, such as aluminium coffee capsules so Nespresso has established its own recycling system for used capsules. So don't throw your capsules in the rubbish, they can be dropped into the cardboard recycling bins at the General Office. This service is specifically for aluminium capsules only – no plastic.

Once collected, the used coffee is sent to an industrial composting facility to be transformed into compost. The aluminium is recycled and sent back to the aluminium industry to produce new products.

Enjoy your coffee and let's do our bit for the environment.

If you have any queries please contact Brigitte Hone in the General Office.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**The CSEF program for 2019 closes on the
28th June, 2019**

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

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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

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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

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

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Please lodge your CSEF Application Form with the Bursar as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Junior and Middle School Homework Club 2019 (Year 7, 8 and 9)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Junior and Middle Schools are offering a program to help Year 7, 8 and 9 students to keep up to date with their work. This program will run each Wednesday after school for 55 minutes from 3.20 until 4.15 p.m., beginning on the 13th February in the Resource Centre.

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

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

stapleton.john.w@edumail.vic.gov.au

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

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

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

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

John Stapleton
On behalf of the Junior and Middle Schools



Camp by the Billabong—Year 8 Camp

From Wednesday the 23rd to Friday the 31st the Year 8s went on consecutive school camps to Billabong ranch in Echuca.

Some of the activities we were lucky enough to experience were horse riding, archery, bouldering and peddle boats.

The highlights included watching a movie, sitting around the fire socialising, fire whip and a night walk lead by a goat. The property was large and beautiful. The initiative course helped us work together and form friendships.

-Brianna Deans & Kaya McFarlane 8A



YEAR 8 CAMP



CAREERS NEWS



MONTMORENCY
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Senior School Course Information and Careers Expo Evening

Thursday 25th July 2019

At this time of year, senior students are beginning to plan their future study and career options. To assist with this decision-making process, the Senior School Course Information and Careers Expo Evening 2019 is taking place for parents and students from Years 9-12 on Thursday 25th July 2019. This evening will run in several parts.

6:00pm-6:30pm - Year 10 Course Information Session College Auditorium

All current Year 9 parents and students attend an information session which will outline details of the Year 10 course, which is set out differently to what you will have become accustomed to from Years 7-9. During the presentation the Year 10 course structure, subject selection process and assessments will be explained. Issues relating to accelerated study, VCE, VCAL, VET and further study will also be outlined. Teachers from all learning areas will be on hand at the end of the presentation to answer any questions.

6:45pm-7:15pm - VCE/VCAL Course Information Session College Auditorium

Parents and all current Year 10 students attend an information session that will provide a general introduction to the VCE program (emphasis on academic ATAR score courses for university entrance) and the VCAL program (emphasis on practical, technical, apprenticeship, VET and TAFE pathways). The purpose of this session is to give you an overview of the wide range of VCE/VCAL/VET subjects we offer at Montmorency Secondary College.

The requirements for VCAL students vary to those of VCE students and staff will be in attendance to provide alternative information for students and parents interested in this option. Practical information will also be presented about what is required of students during their final two years of school, as well as strategies which may help you to support your son/daughter during this important stage of their education.

5:30pm-8:00pm - University and TAFE Displays and College faculty staff Resource Centre

Parents and all current Year 9-12 students are invited to take this opportunity to explore course and career information. College subject teachers and faculty staff will be on hand to assist students and parents with all inquiries and information regarding individual subjects, pre-requisites, compatible courses and career pathways. In addition, representatives from universities and other institutions will be in attendance. This is a fantastic opportunity to speak directly with many of the institutions that may be of interest to you and will include the following exhibitors:

La Trobe University
University of Melbourne
Box Hill Institute
William Angliss Institute

Deakin University
Victoria University
Banyule/Nilumbik LLEN
Lightmare Studios

CMJ - Film/Media
Australian Catholic University
Melbourne Polytechnic
Apprenticeships Matter

Any questions? : Please contact Michael Weeding, Careers/Pathways Co-ordinator on 9422 1625 or email weeding.michael.r@edumail.vic.gov.au



SENIOR SCHOOL COURSE INFORMATION AND CAREERS EXPO



Real education. Real skills. Real jobs.



Please join us for the Senior School Course Info & Careers Expo 2019. University and TAFE representatives will be available to discuss Uni courses, apprenticeships, traineeships, school based apprenticeships and pathways into trade. This is an excellent opportunity to have a chat with a range of Universities and TAFE's as well as gaining an insight into career, apprenticeship and trainee pathways, both during and post-school.



With subject selections approaching, now is an ideal time to seek guidance and explore opportunities related to VCE subject choices, VCAL and VET.

All Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 students and parents are warmly welcome.



Thurs 25th July - Resource Centre 5:30pm - 8pm



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Friday 5 July 2019

Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

8.45 am – 3.15 pm

[Experience Clever](#) on Friday 5 July is an opportunity for students across all year levels and their parents to experience a number of courses and encounter what it would be like to be a university student for a day!

The day offers students the chance to experience the law moot court, nursing labs, sports and exercise labs, podiatry clinic and even the wildlife sanctuary. Hear about our courses in criminology, psychology, engineering, arts and many more. Meet with our student clubs and societies and hear about how the [Aspire program](#) can get them an early offer to Uni along with NEW benefits and application tips.

As part of our welcome session we'll be hosting **Clever Conversations** about future job demands between current students who have already hit the big time.

Students will have a chance to hear from influencer and entrepreneur [Laura Henshaw](#). Laura's studying Law and Business at La Trobe while running her successful fitness and lifestyle brand 'Keep it Cleaner' and managing her hugely popular Instagram.

Joining Laura is Women's AFL Player For Melbourne FC [Libby Birch](#). Currently studying Physiotherapy, Libby has a reputation as one of the league's best and fairest players.

Laura and Libby will share their personal journeys about their careers and studies. They'll reveal the latest insights and research redefining the world of work to create a better future for young people.

Workshops are filling up so make sure to let students know to [register](#) for the event to secure their place.

We look forward to seeing your students and help guide them to their dream course.

ROTARY YOUTH NIGHT

On Thursday 30th May, students from Montmorency Secondary College and St Helena Secondary College attended the Eltham Rotary Clubs Youth celebration evening at Heidelberg Golf Club where they spoke about their experiences at the various programs they had been sponsored to attend over the last 12 months. There were approximately 100 Rotarians, parents and friends in attendance to support the students and learn about the life changing experiences they had at the Rotary funded programs.

Montmorency Secondary College students were:

- Olivia Kerrison on National Youth Science Forum
- Rebecca Catania on Rotary Youth Personal Enrichment program
- Jade Upton on the Japanese Rotary Exchange
- Keira Guillottie on her experience at Lady Somers Camp



Elizabeth Jobson of Year 11 was presented as the next recipient of the Japanese exchange. Interact Vice President Rajshri Nadu attended along with teachers Mayumi Yokoe and Zoe Manallack. Teacher and Rotarian Ian Toohill chaired the evening.

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY???

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day without permission. It is expected that students will make dental, medical and other appointments outside school hours wherever possible. However, we understand that this is not always possible. If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, we ask that you follow College procedure set out below:

1. Please provide your child with a note requesting permission for your child to leave school at the specified time.
2. Upon arrival at school, the student is to take the note to their Level Coordinator, who will then sign the note and return it to the student.
3. The student can then present the note to their class teacher when they need to leave.
4. Once the student leaves the class they will present the note to the General Office staff and sign the "Early Leavers" record. The office staff will retain the note for attendance recording.
5. If your child needs to return to school later in the day, they should report to the General Office and sign in.

It is important for all students and teachers that class interruptions are kept to a minimum. Wherever possible, parent/guardians are asked to avoid telephoning the College in order to have their child paged or dismissed from class and follow the above procedures instead.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

- Students who arrive after the class roll has been taken (after Home Group) should report to the "Time Out" room and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- If students arrive after Period 1 (10.05am) they should report to the General Office and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- A note from a Parent/Guardian explaining the lateness should be provided to the office staff.
- The late student then collects a "Late Slip" which will admit them to class.
- Students who do not provide an acceptable reason for the lateness in a note may be given a detention.

SICK BAY AND FIRST AID

Students who become ill should advise their classroom teacher that they are feeling unwell and receive permission to go to Sick Bay which is located in the General Office. Students will be attended to by the School Nurse and if necessary parents will be contacted.

It is important that a current emergency phone number is listed on each student's school record. Any change to the home address, work address, telephone numbers or emergency contact should be provided to the Office immediately.

We encourage students not to use their mobile phones to contact parents directly during class time, and for the convenience of all involved ask students to follow the above procedure.

Allan Robinson
Principal