

Montmorency Secondary College NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A 9 week term is always a short and speedy term... it always goes really quickly and there is a lot to achieve with a short period of time...

GAT, PPD and Year 7 Science Excursions – Thursday 15 June, 2023

On Thursday 15 June, all of our Year 12 students undertook the GAT, including our Year 11 students who are fast tracking a Unit 3 & 4 subject. The GAT is divided into two sections, A – Literacy and Numeracy assessment and B – General Achievement test. Students undertaking Vocational Major completed Section A for a literacy and numeracy assessment. To minimise the interruptions to the day, our Year 7 cohort attended an excursion at the Zoo (Healesville or Melbourne). Years 8, 9 and 10 students worked remotely, and teachers engaged in a Professional Practice Day.

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal will be a mid-year celebration to signal the end of Unit 3 and beginning of Unit 4; and our students are very much looking forward to this event. Students will be 'dressed to the nines' for the occasion, held at The Centre Ivanhoe.

Morrisby, Careers & 2024 Subject Selection

Year 9 students were involved in Morrisby Interviews during Week 5 and 6 of this term, providing students and their families with insight into their values, strengths and potential career pathways. This is timed well to support student subject selection at the beginning of term 3.

There are few activities that support students in selecting their subjects, including the EPICC parent information nights outlining career directions, pre-requisites, key terminology and acronyms commonly used. The Home Group program run each morning will support subject selection and explore the different learning area and subject pathway options...

Some important dates:

- 12 July - 2024 Subject Selection Database opens
- 14 July - 2023 Year 10 Careers Counselling & 2024 Subject Selection Day
- 18 July - 2024 Year 8 & 9 Challenge & Bridging Information Night
- 19 July - 2023 Year 9 Careers Counselling & 2024 Subject Selection Day
- 28 July - 2024 Subject Selection Database closes
 - 2024 VCE Vocational Major applications close
 - 2024 VET Applications close
- 2 August - 2023 Year 11 Careers & VTAC Assembly

Following these dates, there will be 2024 Year 12 Course confirmations, and interviews for student pathways as needed.

Year 10/11 Exams and Feedback Day

Friday 16 June will be the Year 10 and 11 Exam Feedback Day. On this day, students engaged in general and direct feedback on their mid-year exams. There is a focus on support, reflection and goal setting as we reinvigorate student confidence in exam taking and preparation. A very successful day was had, and some future leaving goals set.

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Year 8 Camp

Year 8 Camp ran a little differently this year, as a result of the time-in-lieu implementation process. This year, we elected to run a 2-day camp experience for students that was supported by the Positive Start program – this meant that the camp experience was at no cost to families. Despite the cold and wet weather, students had a great time!

Semester 2 start...

The start of semester 2 classes started on Tuesday 13 June. New electives, new semesters and new topics started during this time! However, also as a result of a little bit of staff movement, there are several teacher changes that will hopefully mean a settled timetable for the start of semester 2.

TIL Update

As announced, from the Department of Education, on Friday 9 June there will be targeted funding support provided to schools to support the running of camps. There is further information on the implementation to be provided however, this is backdated to 1 January, 2023. This is good news for funding and school camps for the future!

School Review

As noted in the last council meeting, the College successfully complete the school review, and is moving into the development of the Strategic Plan for 2022-2026. The goal areas will be:

Goal 1: To maximise learning growth for every student across all domains

Goal 2: To improve student voice and agency

Goal 3: To optimise student engagement and wellbeing

The College will work through a range of key improvement initiatives that will direct school improvement in these areas.

Frances Ibbott
Principal

TERM 2 & 3, 2023 AT A GLANCE

Friday 23 June	Last Day of Term 2—Early Finish 1:22pm
Monday 10 July	Term 3 Begins
Thursday 13 July	Careers Expo & Information Evening 5:30pm—8:00pm
Tuesday 18 July	Challenge/Bridging Parent Information Evening—7:00pm
Wednesday 2 August	School Council Meeting—7:00pm
Thursday 17 August	College Production—7:00pm
Friday 18 August	College Production—7:00pm
Saturday 19 August	College Production—2:00pm & 7:00pm
Monday 28 August	Year 10 Immunisation
Tuesday 29 August	Curriculum Day—student free day
Wednesday 6 September	School Council Meeting—7:00pm
Wednesday 13 September	Student Progress Interviews
Friday 15 September	Last Day of Term 3—Early Finish 1:22pm

Year 10 Quickfit Gym Excursion – ‘Fit & Healthy’ Elective

This term in ‘Fit and Healthy’ we learnt about all the different fitness components, and training programs. We then went to the Quickfit gym in Montmorency and applied these principles. We went to the gym three times; in the first session we focused on learning how the machines worked and tested them out. Using these machines, we tested out our cardiovascular strength, endurance, and muscle strength. In the second session we tried using the other equipment in the gym such as the weights, and dumbbells. Using the free weights, we had to make sure we used the correct techniques, to prevent injuries, and to get the best benefit out of the exercise. In the final session we tested out our cardiovascular endurance by boxing with each other. Each person did an intense 30-minute session before swapping over and doing it all again. Overall, it was really fun. Thanks to Liam for sharing the space and his knowledge with us.

Kyah Isatchenko



FRENCH NEWS

Bonjour Monty!

We had *un merveilleux semestre*! This term has been all about comparing and contrasting French and Australian cultures, exploring their richness, uniqueness and diversity. For instance, Year 7 students have investigated similarities and differences between French and Australian family units, while Year 8 and 9 students compared and contrasted different cities and monuments from France and Australia. Year 10 were very busy preparing for their French exam which focused on health, lifestyle and wellbeing. Finally, big *merci* to our student helpers who run several activities, served *croissants* and shared their experiences of studying French with our prospective students at Open Day. *Merci beaucoup!*



Term 3 SRC Opportunities



Leadership Training session - early T3

This is an optional training session to continue developing leadership skills. Students will work through a self-reflection, goal setting booklet and mini practical activities.



Keep a look out in Compass news items, emails and attend SRC lunch meetings to find out how to sign up

Wellness week 31st July - 4th August



In Term 3 the Student Wellbeing Ambassadors will run a variety of lunchtime activities to promote student wellbeing. These include quiet mindfulness practices, physical activities, an opportunities to socialise. SRC Student leaders are welcome to help run the activities.

School production - Addams Family 14th - 19th August

Students can sign up to help during the Primary School guest rehearsals and / or at the evening performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This requires friendly and confident leaders to direct groups and speak in front of small and large crowds.



Created by student leaders
Alia C, Stefanie V, Grace T
and Brayden D

Interact Club & Monty Green Team

Clean Up Australia at Monty

On Tuesday 16th May, students from Interact Club, Monty Green Team and SRC banded together to host a Clean Up Australia Day event. Students started at lunchtime, picking up rubbish around the Monty grounds and then made their way down to Simms Road oval to clean up the site there. Seven large bags of rubbish were collected, which otherwise would get washed into our local creek and pollute the waterways. Well done to everyone involved!



Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee

On Friday 19th May, students from Interact Club, Monty Green Team, SRC and Outdoor Ed continued the Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee Project that was started in 2022. This project has been funded by Banyule Council and aims to create a legacy of tree plantings in honour of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Eltham Rotary also helped out, supplying Hamilton tree planters and Rotary President Mike Englefield came along to speak to the students and assist with the planting. Students worked very hard during the afternoon and planted 70 more trees (in addition to the 70 planted in 2022) onsite on Para Road Hill and along the back fence line of the College. As they grow, these trees will provide new habitats for birds, insects and animals, clean air to breathe and shade for our students.

Claire Mooney Sprague
Monty Green Team Leader



YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE

TAKING THE CITY BY STORM

On the 1st to 5th of May, the entire Year 9 cohort participated in the City Experience program. Each day we would take the train, visit various places as a class, and also have free time to spend with friends.

One of the highlights was the MCG tour, where we had the opportunity to explore the grounds and visit the Australian Sports Museum. Another favourite activity was the Eureka Skydeck, where classes enjoyed breathtaking views of Melbourne. For the adventurous, there was also the option to experience 'The Edge' and see Melbourne from above. The Old Melbourne Gaol was another exciting activity, where we explored the cells and learned about the history of hangings, escapes, and even ghost stories.

Throughout the program, each class had designated free time to explore the city independently. Some students used this time to try out different foods, while others went shopping or simply enjoyed exploring Melbourne's landmarks with their friends.

Overall, everyone had a fantastic time immersing themselves in the vibrant city of Melbourne and discovering new experiences.

Kaitlin Unwin and Addison Knight 9D



YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE



Year 10 Work Experience: A Valuable Insight into the World of Work

From 8th to 12th May, our Year 10 students embarked on an exciting journey of work experience, immersing themselves in over 180 placements across Melbourne and Victoria. This invaluable opportunity allowed our students to gain a deeper understanding of the world of work and explore a wide range of industries.

The placements offered a diverse array of industries, including healthcare, engineering, media, hospitality, and more. Students were able to choose placements that aligned with their interests and career aspirations, providing them with a glimpse into their desired fields. This variety allowed them to explore different paths and gain a clearer understanding of the skills and knowledge required in various professions.

We are pleased to report that the feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive. Our students displayed remarkable professionalism, adaptability, and a strong work ethic throughout their placements. Employers praised their eagerness to learn, their ability to take initiative, and their effective communication skills. Many employers expressed their willingness to offer further opportunities to our students, recognising the potential they displayed during their time with them.

Participating in work experience has provided our students with a firsthand experience of the expectations and demands of the workplace. They were exposed to real-life situations, problem-solving challenges, and teamwork, helping them develop essential skills that will benefit them in their future careers. They learned the importance of punctuality, responsibility, and the value of teamwork in achieving common goals. These experiences will undoubtedly contribute to their personal and professional growth, preparing them for the transition from school to the workforce.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the families and the wider school community for their unwavering support throughout this work experience program. The cooperation and encouragement from parents and guardians have been instrumental in making this initiative a success. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the employers who graciously opened their doors to our students, providing them with this invaluable opportunity. Your guidance and mentorship have made a lasting impact on our students' lives.

The Year 10 work experience program has been a remarkable success, allowing our students to explore their interests, develop crucial skills, and gain insight into the world of work. We are proud of their achievements and excited to see the positive impact this experience will have on their future pathways. Together, as a supportive school community, we can continue to empower our students to reach new heights and



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Year 10 Work Experience

My time at QANTAS was great, I felt welcomed and learnt a lot from the supervisor. In the beginning I observed and shadowed the other engineering apprentice and after learning enough, I was able to help out, where I could.

I assisted when cleaning a new wing part with a pressure washer and specific cleaning product. We took apart a section of the wing, cleaning nuts and bolts to be sent off to another department to do a safety check. The biggest plane parts I worked on were from an A330.

Towards the end of my week at QANTAS, I helped operate the plastic media blasting machine to fully clean parts which made it easier to determine if there were any issues with the parts.

On the last day of my work experience week I was lucky enough to see the inside of an A330 plane and even sit inside the cockpit. As well as visiting the hangar, I was

also taken on a tour around the Melbourne Airport, visiting the plane runway in a specific Qantas vehicle as I learned about all the complex rules when travelling through the runway. On my last day the workplace ordered noodles as they often order a takeaway dish each Friday and I enjoyed a Singapore noodle dish.

Pablo Manganaro



I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to work at two different architectural firms. The first placement was with Karen Abernethy Architecture for three days, each day learning something new. The first day I was shown the applications they use and what Karen's day usually looks like. I measured the distance of every wall and ceiling in one house and entered the data in a program. The second day we visited her clients, and it was great to see her designs and learn about client relationships. This varied from big jobs to smaller house renovations. I got to see a few whole house building constructions. On my last day at this firm, I got to see a photo shoot in action. It showcased one of the best houses I've ever seen.

At the second firm, Craig Tan Architects, I met up in Melbourne central with two of their employees and was taken to one of their projects they were working on which involved renovations in a few different rooms. We then returned to the firm office and was introduced to more staff and the processes and software they use. It was agreed that I continued the work that I started with Karen, during my time with the second firm. It was cool to see both firms supporting me to build the skills. My focus project was on redesigning the kitchen and living room at my family friends house.

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CAREERS NEWS

2023 INSTITUTION OPEN DAYS

Institution Open Days 2023	Date	Event type
Australian Catholic University (Ballarat)	Sunday 27 August	On campus
Australian Catholic University (Melbourne)	Sunday 13 August	On campus
Box Hill Institute	Tuesday 13 June	TBC
Chisholm Institute	18 Jan - 19 Feb	On campus
Deakin University (Burwood)	Sunday 27 August	On campus
Deakin University (Geelong)	Sunday 20 August	On campus
Deakin University (Warrnambool)	Sunday 6 August	On campus
Federation University	Sunday 13 August	On campus
Holmesglen	Thursday 19 January	On campus
La Trobe University	TBC	Virtual
La Trobe University (Albury-Wodonga)	Sunday 13 August	On campus
La Trobe University (Bendigo)	Sunday 27 August	On campus
La Trobe University (Melbourne)	Sunday 6 August	On campus
La Trobe University (Mildura)	Wednesday 9 August	On campus
La Trobe University (Shepparton)	TBC	On campus
Marcus Oldham College	Sunday 30 July	On campus/Virtual
Monash University (Caulfield)	Saturday 5 August	On campus
Monash University (Clayton)	Sunday 6 August	On campus
Monash University (Parkville)	Sunday 20 August	On campus
Monash University (Peninsula)	Saturday 5 August	On campus
RMIT (Bendigo)	Sunday 27 August	On campus
RMIT (Bundoora)	Sunday 6 August	On campus
RMIT (City & Brunswick)	Sunday 13 August	On campus
RMIT (Point Cook)	Sunday 20 August	On campus
Swinburne University of Technology	Sunday 30 July	On campus
University of Melbourne	Sunday 20 August	On campus
Victoria University	Sunday 20 August	On campus
William Angliss Institute	TBC	TBC
Wodonga TAFE	TBC	TBC



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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Smartphone Film making Workshop

Wednesday 28 June, 10am-4pm
St Andrews Community Centre

Learn how to make a short film on your smartphone with filmmaker Marsalis Lam.

Free for high school students aged 12-18

From Passion to Pro: Establish Yourself as a Creative Professional

Thursday 29 June, 5:30-7:30pm
Eltham Training Site, 907 Main Rd

Are you a musician, artist or crafter? Learn how to turn your hobby into a paid gig.

Free for young people aged 15-25

Cheap Flix: The Flash

Friday 30 June, 1:30-3:30pm
Hoyts Greensborough

For \$10 catch the latest DC superhero movie, popcorn and soft drink included.

For high school students aged 12-18

Drop In Youth Space

Wednesday 5 July, 2-4pm
32-34 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek

Join us for nintendo switch games, board games, arts & craft, and have your say on what the new Youth Hub will look like.

Free for young people aged 12-25

For more information and to register: nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/School-Holidays

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Life Skills: What's Tax?

Thursday 6 July, 12-1pm
Eltham Training Site, 907 Main Rd

Learn how to pay tax, the importance of superannuation and how to apply for a Tax File Number.

Free for young people aged 14-19

Life Skills: Ace Your Tax Return

Thursday 6 July, 1:30-3pm
Eltham Training Site, 907 Main Rd

Learn how to complete an online tax return as well as some of the deductions you may be eligible for as a young person this year.

Free for young people aged 17-25.

St Andrews Sounds

Friday 7 July, 7-9pm
St Andrews Hall

Catch Suzi, Silver Rain and Vending Machine Repairmen at a gig in St Andrews!

Free for young people aged 12-25.

Block Printing Workshop

Tuesday 4 July, 1:30-3:30pm
Edendale Farm

Learn how to make your own fabric gift wrap or personalise your clothes with block printing.

Free for high school students aged 12-18.

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Waterslide night for young people

Join us for a fun night with unlimited rides on the Tantrum Alley, Pipeline Slide & inflatables. Listen to our upcoming local DJ's.

WHEN: Friday 23 June
WHERE: WaterMarc, Greensborough
TIME: 6-9pm

No bookings required – just come along

TARGET GROUP: 10-17 years
COST: \$3

Immersive Worlds

Explore new worlds through robots, D&D, tabletop/board games and Nintendo Switch on the big screen!

WHEN: Friday 30 June
WHERE: Ivanhoe library
TIME: 1-5pm
Bookings essential at
www.banyuleyouth.com/schoolholidays

TARGET GROUP: 12-25 years
COST: FREE

Plants & Wellbeing

Want a cute plant for your bedroom? Make & take home your own succulent garden using a recycled tin can.

Free wellbeing packs & all materials provided plus snacks.

WHEN: Monday 26 June
WHERE: Jets Studios, Bundoora
TIME: 1-3pm

Bookings essential at
www.banyuleyouth.com/schoolholidays

TARGET GROUP: 12-18 years
COST: FREE

Fossicking Gems workshop

Learn about fossicking, gem identification & make a pendant from one of the many different stones that you will find to take home with you.
All materials & snacks provided.

WHEN: Monday 3 July
WHERE: The Gem club, Bundoora
TIME: 1-4pm

Bookings essential at
www.banyuleyouth.com/schoolholidays

TARGET GROUP: 12-18 years
COST: FREE

Climate advocacy

All you need to get inspired about being an eco-warrior. You will get a free kit with loads of enviro products & info.

Hear from "Tomorrow Movement" about how you can make a difference & ways to get involved.
Afternoon tea provided.

WHEN: Thursday 29 June
WHERE: Banyule City Council, Greensborough
TIME: 1-3pm

Bookings essential at
www.banyuleyouth.com/schoolholidays

TARGET GROUP: 12-25 years
COST: FREE

Movie "Spider-Man Across the Spiderverse"

We have hired out the whole cinema to ourselves to watch the latest Marvel movie. See this ground-breaking animation sequel with Miles encountering a team of Spider-People.

The cost includes a giftbag – BYO water bottle.

WHEN: Wednesday 28 June
WHERE: Hoyts, Greensborough
TIME: 1-3:45pm

Bookings essential at
www.banyuleyouth.com/schoolholidays

TARGET GROUP: 12-25 years
COST: \$8

Refugee week youth event

The experiences of refugees - youth workshop

Join us to learn about experience of refugees arriving in Australia. During the workshop you will hear Mursal Sadat, a member of the

Afghan National Women's Football team who recently came to Australia recently as a refugee.

You will also participate in an art session run by Creative Wellness Melbourne to create messages of support to refugees.

WHEN: Saturday 24 June
WHERE: Mungga Artist Studios @ Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.
TIME: 11am- 1:30 pm

Bookings essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1066570?eid=1066570&>

TARGET GROUP: 12-18 years
COST: FREE

FREE Boxing Fitness Workshop (for young people 14-18)

Ever wanted to try boxing? Here's your chance! Join BYS and WaterMarc for a FREE, non-contact boxing class with trainer Pete. Pete will take you through a 60-minute training session including punching techniques, pad work, skipping, running & abdominal work that will make you sweat! Beginners welcome! **BYO towel and drink bottle. Boxing gloves will be provided but BYO if you have them.**

DATE & TIME: Thursday 6 July 2023, 3:45pm to 5pm

LOCATION: WaterMarc Greensborough, 1 Flintoff St. Greensborough. *Wurundjeri Country*
COST: FREE

TICKETS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at www.banyuleyouth.com/schoolholidays

ENQUIRIES: kieran.west@banyule.vic.gov.au



YouthFest '23 Save the date!

Youthfest is an annual celebration of youth culture hosted by Banyule Youth Services and is a large, fun and vibrant event with up to 6000 young people attending, volunteering, performing or hosting a stall – it really is “by young people, for young people”.

YouthFest 2023 is a FREE festival for young people that is happening on Sunday 10th September from 12 to 5pm. The event includes 3 live stages of performers, rides, food trucks, activities, workshops, free clothing grab, sports activities, eco-friendly activities and much more!

DATE: Sunday 10th September 2023

TIME: 12 – 5pm

LOCATION: Birdwood Avenue, Macleod (the park between Macleod Station and Macleod Shops, next to Macleod College)

COST: FREE

WHO: young people aged 12 to 25 years

TO FIND OUT MORE: <https://banyuleyouth.com/youthfest/>

VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=po_GhwzPKFg

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PERFORM OR VOLUNTEER AT YOUTHFEST:

Each year we are lucky enough to have a range of bands/ musicians perform live at YouthFest. This is a great opportunity for emerging musicians to gain experience in live performance and boost their visibility as an artist! But don't worry, if you not a musician there is still plenty of ways to be involved. YouthFest wouldn't be able to run without the support of our incredible youth volunteers. Volunteering is an opportunity for young people to gain work experience and boost their resume in a fun and supportive environment. BYS encourages young people aged 12-25 who are connected to Banyule to complete and expression of interest. Selected participants will then be contacted by one of our Youth workers to guide them through next steps.

EOI: complete your submission form here - <https://forms.office.com/r/1TKjgiMmk8>

ENQUIRIES: jets@banyule.vic.gov.au

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICES/ ORGANISATIONS TO HAVE A STALL AT YOUTHFEST:

Youthfest wouldn't be complete without a range of local services coming together to offer engaging activities whilst building young people's knowledge of resources and supports.

If your service or organization would like to express interest in having a stall please complete the EOI by June 30th [here](#)

Please note we have limited space so unfortunately an EOI does not guarantee a space. Services are encouraged to develop a fun and engaging activity to run alongside information sharing to add to the festival!

Applications close June 30

ENQUIRIES: Maddi.cooper@banyule.vic.gov.au