



## ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, THEME 2019

## OUR SCHOOL OF MANY COLORS



Certain things attract our eye, they shine and radiate an aura, they communicate a silent but clear message. They brighten our day,

mood and spirit, and that is why our 2019 College Theme celebrates and proclaims 'Our School of Many Colors'.

By being a member of our many-colored Monican community, we shall understand in our heart and mind that Monicans are called to be tolerant of all cultures; we are individually multi-talented human beings; and we view the world in all its breadth, diversity and complexity. Monicans should never be one-dimensional or selfish and never ignorant about the world of 2019.

Colors dominate our Monican story – the purple and grey known so well by decades of students from our beginning in 1964 and the magnificence of blue and gold, our colors since 1990. In 2019, we shall recapture the stories that surround the foundation years of our school, decades of progress, development and continuous growth and enterprise.

Our exploration of the colors of our identity will excite and bring us greater understanding of what it truly means to be Monican. The color green will represent continuous new life, red will portray our struggles and the innate sense of fiery zeal we have created and inherited, blue is the trust that we have in our patron, Monica, and in the wisdom of the foundational members of St Monica's, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

Our colors bring a kaleidoscope of emotions which we shall embrace this year. There will be times no doubt when our colors will be dark and perhaps heavy, counterbalanced by the times we shall rejoice in our achievements, our new buildings, our strategies for the future and our great love of 'Pray and Persevere'. These colors will shine like the yellow sun, glow like the orange deserts of Australia, burst forth like the golden dawn of future dreams.

Our School of Many Colors will celebrate the many nations and cultures that are represented by students and staff. We shall marvel as we admire the various national flags as they float above us on St Monica's Day, as we see the flashes of crimson, saffron, violet and red on performance stages, at special Monican events, and at those times when we especially honor the nationalities and cultures present in our school community. Home Rooms and Houses will take on special significance as we reflect on the colors after which they are named or formed. It will be fun to nominate qualities associated with our Home Room color and as we gaze upon our House crest, taking special pride in being either blue, green, red or gold.

Colors will reflect and be animated in unusual ways – the flash of red as we confront injustice in the world and seek to change that which demands change. Green is the environment so our stewardship of God's gift to us will be forefront in our minds. The richness of purple will remind us of our good fortune at St Monica's College and how therefore we ought to repay that fortune with genuine kindness and compassion. We shall learn that very little in life is starkly black and white, indeed all situations are tinged with color of some hue: beige and gentle, scarlet and vibrant, clear and pure as aquamarine. We shall become Monicans of discernment.

We shall discover God in the midst of Our School of Many Colors. In the earliest times, God created the rainbow to seal His covenant with humankind as witnessed by Noah after the Great Flood. We shall worship the suffering servant, Jesus Christ, as He was draped in the purple cloth at his crucifixion. We shall learn to appreciate the blueness of the heavens and the skies given to us by God. We may even catch a glimpse in 2019 of a golden angel hovering over us!

In 2019 at our School of Many Colors, we will gleefully appreciate the beauty of art and develop our artistic pursuits even more. Our galleries will proudly portray the range of colors that sensationalise our life visually. No color will be too bright for Monicans to enjoy this year: no color will dim our spirits without good reason. We will learn the ways that colors reflect our personalities, lifestyles and heritage. This will include the greenies who possess such fervour for sustainability; rainbow alliances that support people's self-identity; the traditional pink depiction on maps of Commonwealth countries which hold significance for Australia, a fellow member of the Commonwealth; the green and gold worn so proudly by our athletes; and the black, gold and red flag of our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Our School of Many Colors will bring us closer to the time when we confidently determine our Monican future, shown publicly by our proud wearing of our blue and gold. This year we shall stand firm as a leading Catholic College, an esteemed place of academic learning, a force for social justice, and the preparation ground for the leaders of tomorrow.

Together in 2019 at our School of Many Colors, each person will be the paint that produces beautiful colors for the world and our College, the brush whose actions turn dreams into reality, and the gifted painter whose beliefs, actions and precious creativity make St Monica's College, Epping a happy and holy place where love abides.

Brian E. Hanley B.A., Dip. Ed., Grad. Dip. Ed. Admin.,  
M. Ed., MACE, FACEL  
College Principal

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am very pleased and proud to welcome our Monican community to the 2019 school year. Since we last gathered as a school, our enrolment numbers have steadily and manageably increased, our DSC and HORIZONS Project works have continued rapidly, and our school site stands very well prepared for a most pleasant year environmentally for the students and staff.

At SMC, each classroom ought to be a space where literacy and numeracy are priorities; where ICT resources are integrated into the lesson; where differentiation occurs, realising that students learn individually; where attempts are always made to invite parents into the learning environment, using continuous reporting as a starting-point. What an exciting year waits us.



It has been decided that a real focus will be placed on what occurs in classrooms in 2019. This year we are declaring a 'Fallow Year' when teachers and staff return to basics whilst continuing to offer contemporary courses and using effective classroom approaches. Emphasis will be placed on delivery of engaging and exciting curriculum.

### TUITION FEES, 2019

Fee accounts will be mailed out to all families this week.

Please note that fee payments are to commence immediately. Our Billing cycle is from 4 February to 7 October, 2019 (unless paying via direct debit).

#### St Monica's College payment options are:

Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly and Quarterly and can be paid via the following options:

BPAY, Eftpos, Credit Card-Visa/Mastercard, Cash/Cheques and Direct Debit.

Please note that payments must commence each year in February. All fee payments are to be made at the Augustine House Administration Office Reception only. All queries are to be directed to Miss Andrea Moon on 9409 8800.

Year Level	Tuition Fee	General Levy	Total
7	\$6620.00	\$500.00	\$7120.00
8	\$6730.00	\$500.00	\$7230.00
9	\$6930.00	\$500.00	\$7430.00
10	\$7140.00	\$500.00	\$7640.00
11	\$7400.00	\$500.00	\$7900.00
12	\$7700.00	\$500.00	\$8200.00

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2019 \$225

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper

understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be 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, Veterans Affairs or pension card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be 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 will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

#### How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### Accepting applications

Parents (including guardians) no longer need to submit a new application form each year in most cases.

Parents only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2019 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2019.
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (**29 January, 2019**) or term two (**23 April, 2019**).

### **Closing Date:**

**You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 21 June, 2019 for eligibility . For more information about the CSEF visit [www.educationvic.gov.au/csef](http://www.educationvic.gov.au/csef)**

For any further enquiries please contact Miss Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

### **ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are currently being accepted for  
2020 — 2023

Please note that Year 7 **2021** enrolments will close on  
**Friday 23 August, 2019.**

### **MORNING TEAS with the PRINCIPAL**

Monday, 25 February 2019  
Friday, 1 March 2019  
Friday, 15 March 2019  
Friday, 22 March 2019  
Friday, 29 March 2019

All Tours commence from Augustine House College  
Administration 9.30 am.

To make a booking online visit

[www.stmonicas-epping.com/mtwtp](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/mtwtp)

For further information please contact the College  
Registrar, Mrs Enza Sinopoli on 9409 8444

### **PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN**

This Bulletin will be published online on an occasional basis throughout the year. Its purpose is to offer a reflective article and also important information about College events. We also wish to publicise student achievements and involvement.

Notice to families through Skoolbag will be given prior to the sending of a Principal's Bulletin

If any Monican has an item of interest for the community or notification of bereavement or prayer request, please contact Ms Griffin via [p.griffin@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:p.griffin@stmonicas-epping.com)

### **YEAR LEVEL LEADERS**

Year Level Leaders are an important point of contact for families after Home Room Teachers. In 2019, they are:

Year 7	Ms Emma Sheehan/Ms Deidre Burggraaf
Year 8	Ms Heather Newby
Year 9	Ms Sylvia Pasahidis
Year 10	Ms Alicia Xerri
Year 11	Miss Nicole Meade
Year 12	Mr Paul White.

### **COLLEGE DUX**

Congratulations to Jesse Di Marco, our 2018 College Dux with an ATAR score of 99.2. This was a colossal achievement. Best wishes to all our VCE students of last year we hope that their future will be happy, safe and most satisfying for each of them.

### **COLLEGE ANNUAL**

Mr Emad Attie and I hope that you enjoyed the 2018 College Annual that was brought home by students at the end of last year or posted home for senior students. It was a wonderful edition that contained a colorful, exciting, accurate and comprehensive account of the 2018 school

year. If any family (with a student in Years 8 – 12 this year) did not receive an Annual, please contact the College.

### **COLLEGE MEDALS, 2018**

Annually, the College Board is pleased to present College Medals to distinguished Monicans in recognition of their service and contributions to the College community. A Panel of Consultors is appointed to make these decisions. They are our highest honor. I am pleased to announce the 2018 recipients:

St Monica's Medal (student)	Mikayla Rao
Samaritan Medal (parent/friend)	Vanda Palamara
Polding Medal (staff member)	Glenda Hay.

### **COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS 2019**

#### **Dates:**

**Dalton Road Campus: Wednesday 20 February, 2019**

**Davisson Street Campus: Thursday 21 February, 2019**

All students must wear Full School Uniform (**no PE**) on their relevant day. All students are asked to pay particular attention to grooming. Please see College Planner for more details.

Online Bookings will be OPEN soon. Details for online bookings will be sent to all parents via our normal communication channels.

### **LUNCHEON SERVICE**

Epping Hot Bread will supply lunches to St Monica's staff and students from Monday to Friday. Lunch orders must be placed in the lunch order box located at each Campus Reception by 9.00 am each morning. Price lists will be distributed to all students during homeroom.

### **MOVEMENT INTO and AROUND DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS**

During Semester 1 2019, students will continue to use the pedestrian gate located on Coulstock Street and the gate closest to Epping Station as the main access and exit points for morning arrival and end of school day departures. The College carpark remains an entry and exit point for vehicles only.

Students are not permitted to walk through the staff car park unless they are being dropped off there or being collected by a parent or guardian. The gate leading to Epping Train Station is open from 8.00 am to 9.00 am in the mornings and from 3.20 pm - 3.45 pm in the afternoons. Students arriving or leaving outside of these times must use the Coulstock Street gate.

### **YEAR 7 WELCOME EVENING**

Parents of Year 7 students are warmly invited to the Dalton Road Campus on Thursday 7 February at 6.00 pm for the annual 'Year 7 Welcome Evening'. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's Homeroom teacher and collect their child's netbook.

The event will start at 6.00 pm in their child's Homeroom. After meeting the Homeroom teacher parents will move to the Sports and Assembly Hall for a brief Cyber Safety and Parent Portal session. The event will conclude at approximately 7:45 pm once parents have collected their child's netbook.

Please note students are unable to collect their own netbooks from the College.

We look forward to seeing all parents at this event.

## **YEAR 10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Parents/guardians of Year 10 students 2019 are requested to attend an information interview with your child on Tuesday, 19 February 2019 between 4.15 pm and 7.00 pm. The interview will take place at the senior campus and parents/guardians will have an opportunity to select a 10-minute appointment time slot with a DSC staff member. A letter with details regarding the booking process has been sent to families. If you have not received this information, please contact Elissa Avramopoulos at the College on 9409 8800.

Year 10 Notebooks will be distributed in the first week back at school starting Monday 4 February 2019.

### **COLLEGE BOARD VACANCY**

A Parish representative from St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park. Please speak with Father Anthony Girolami (Mill Park) about your interest.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS**

Enrolments are currently open to all students for instrumental music lessons. Individual or small group lessons are available for the following instruments:

- ♦ Flute
- ♦ Clarinet
- ♦ Saxophone
- ♦ Guitar
- ♦ Violin
- ♦ Viola
- ♦ Cello
- ♦ Double Bass
- ♦ Trumpet
- ♦ Trombone
- ♦ French Horn
- ♦ Tuba
- ♦ Percussion

Individual lessons only:

- ♦ Piano
- ♦ Voice
- ♦ Drum Kit

Year 7 students are offered complimentary group lessons and instrument hire for one Semester on orchestral instruments.

Enrolments into the Instrumental Music Program can be made online at: [www.stmonicas-epping.com/music](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/music)

## **Year 7 Music Information Evening**

The Year 7 Music Information Evening will be held on Monday, 18 February at 7.00 pm in the Theatre of All Nations. All parents and students are encouraged to attend. The evening will include important information about the music program and an opportunity to trial, meet music staff and enrol for lessons.

### **Ensemble program**

Students who have prior experience or learn an instrument outside the college are encouraged to participate in a College ensemble. The College Choir 'SMC Singers' welcomes all students with an interest in singing, and there is no requirement to be enrolled for

vocal lessons. Rehearsals for the choir are held every Thursday 3:30 pm – 5.00 pm in the Theatre of All Nations.

Please contact the Music Office for further information.

## **STUDENT GROOMING**

Girls are to tie their hair back off their face and shoulders.

Boys' hair is to be no longer than the top of the shirt collar. They are not permitted to tie their hair back.

Extreme colours and styles for girls and boys are not allowed. Discretion is the responsibility of the Year Level Leader ultimately though Homeroom teachers will be checking.

## **CAREERS CORNER**

### **Career Staff:**

St Monica's College has four fully qualified Career Practitioners. It is appropriate at the beginning of the year to introduce the staff to the Monican Community:

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| Judith Clarke:  | Senior Teacher (Careers) based at the Dalton Road Campus        |
| Vicki Poke:     | Career Pathways Coordinator based at the Davisson Street Campus |
| Taryn Kneebone: | Career Development Officer based at the Davisson Street Campus  |
| Carla Papa:     | Career Employment Officer, based at the Davisson Street Campus. |

We specialise in...

- Career and Pathway Planning
- Subject information
- Work Experience and Structured Workplace Learning
- Course Information
- Applications for University and TAFE
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Information on Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

### **Work Experience:**

Work Experience at St Monica's College is not compulsory, however students in Years 10-12 have the opportunity to undertake a placement as they are starting to make real decisions about their career paths rather than just investigating the options available. Completing work experience can be a great way to find out if a certain career is right. A placement can also be an opportunity to find out more about related career opportunities that might be unknown or even exist, and this broadens the future options.

If a student has decided that they would like to complete a placement, then the next step is to investigate the process by making an appointment by visiting the Careers Centre at recess or lunchtime or completing the 'Appointment' form on the Careers Website.

### **FROM THE STAFFROOM**

1. **Births:** Congratulations to Mrs Amanda Hetherington and Luke on the birth of Finley in January 2019
2. **Bereavement:** Our condolences are extended to Mrs Danielle Vetere and her family of her mother Mary Giosserano. R.I.P.
3. **Resignations in January:** Best wishes to Mr Jack Shih, Ms Chelsey Weate and Miss Amanda Mauceri who will not return to SMC.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO STUDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Dear Principal,

PVT (Public Transport Victoria) has two exciting changes to help your students access public transport more easily:

PTV Approved School Student ID Passport-line photos accepted for PTV School Student IDs

### **PTV Approved School Student ID**

From Term 1 2019 school students can use a PTV Approved School Student ID to access concession fares and to buy Student Passes.

For a school's ID to be approved by PTV, it must include:

- ◆ the school's name
- ◆ the student's name
- ◆ the student's photo
- ◆ an expiry date no later than 28 February of the year after the student finishes Year 12
- ◆ the PTV logo

PTV Approved School Student ID cards may include any other information that schools need, provided there is enough space for the PTV logo.

PTV Approved School Student ID cards must be digitally color printed using card printing hardware. Hand-made or laminated cards are not accepted.

The existing PTV Approved School Student ID is still an option for students should your school choose not to participate.

For more information about having your school ID approved by PTV, please email [ticketingservices@ptv.vic.gov.au](mailto:ticketingservices@ptv.vic.gov.au)

### **Passport-like photos accepted for PTV School Student IDs**

PTV has added flexibility to the student's photo for the PTV School Student ID. The photos must still be identical and colour printed, but can now be any one of the following:

- a recent school photo
- a photo taken in a photo booth
- a photo taken on a smart phone.

'Passport-like' means the image must be:

- ◆ of the person's head and shoulders
- ◆ front facing
- ◆ of only the student (i.e. no other people or items in the image)
- ◆ fill most of the frame
- ◆ in focus
- ◆ not edited or augmented (i.e. using photo editing apps to add filters, effects, etc.).

From 1 January 2019 you can download the 2019 PTV School Student ID and Student Pass application form at [ptv.vic.gov.au/students](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/students).

## **Touching on and off**

We ask that you regularly remind students to touch on and off every time they use their myki on public transport, even if they have a myki Pass or Student Pass. Apart from sending a positive message to the broader travelling public, we use data from these interactions to plan the level and frequency of services for your school.

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Donna Watson  
General Manager, Customer Service Delivery  
Public Transport Victoria

## **STUDY CENTRE**

### **Pamela Coyne Library**

The After School Homework Program (ASH) operates in the Pamela Coyne Library (PCL) on the Dalton Road Campus Monday to Thursday from 3.30 to 4.30 where students are able to come and complete homework or study with access to the Library resources, teachers and tutors. Homework is a valuable part of the teaching and learning program. Get yourself, and your buddies and make a commitment to come to ASH to complete your homework. Remember to make appropriate arrangements for pick up from school. You are warmly invited to join Mrs Leach, staff and our Year 12 tutors in the PCL.

### **Sister Julian Quaine Library Study Centre**

The Study Centre is available in the Sister Julian Quaine Library on Monday to Thursday from 3.25 – 5.00 pm.

Two tutors are available to assist students with homework, study skills and research in most subjects.

## **MAJOR TERM ONE DATES**

### **February**

1	Year 7 classes commence
4	Years 8 - 12 classes commence
7	Year 7 Welcome Evening
12	Academic Honours Evening
15	Year 12 Formation Day
18	Year 7 Music Information Evening
19	College Assembly
19	Year 10 Parent Evening
20	Dalton Road Campus Photographs
21	Davisson Street Campus Photographs
21	College Board Meeting

### **March**

6	Ash Wednesday
6	House Swimming Carnival
8	International Women's Day Breakfast
11	Labour Day – Public Holiday
11-15	Catholic Education Week
12	College Board Committee Meetings
13-14	Year 7 Grandparents' Visits
14	Finance, Property & Works Committee Meeting
16-27	Visit from Takada High School, Japan
19	Years 7 – 12 Parent Teacher Conferences
25	Years 7 – 12 Parent Teacher Conferences
28	College Mass
28	College Board Meeting

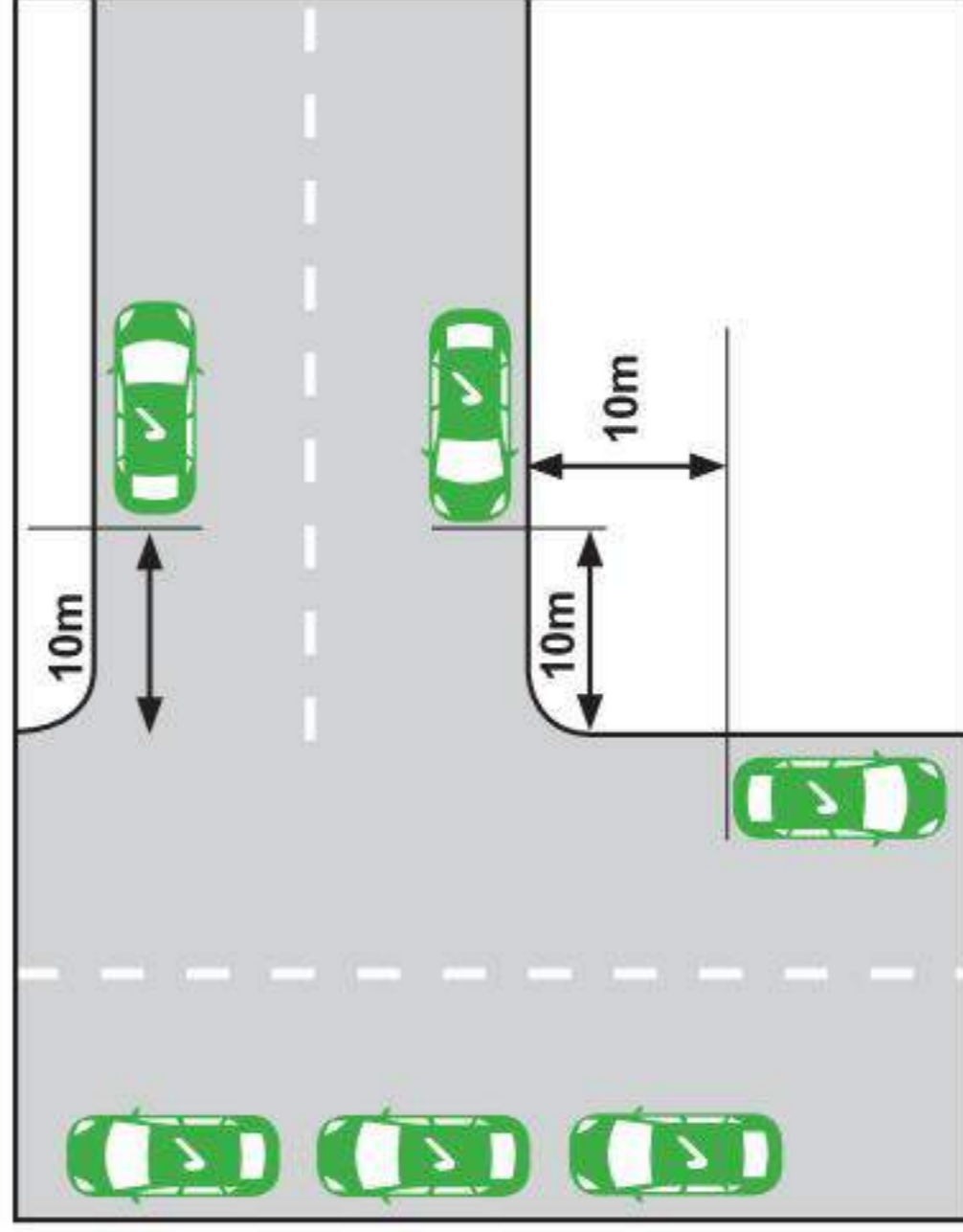


## PARKING/STOPPING SIGNAGE



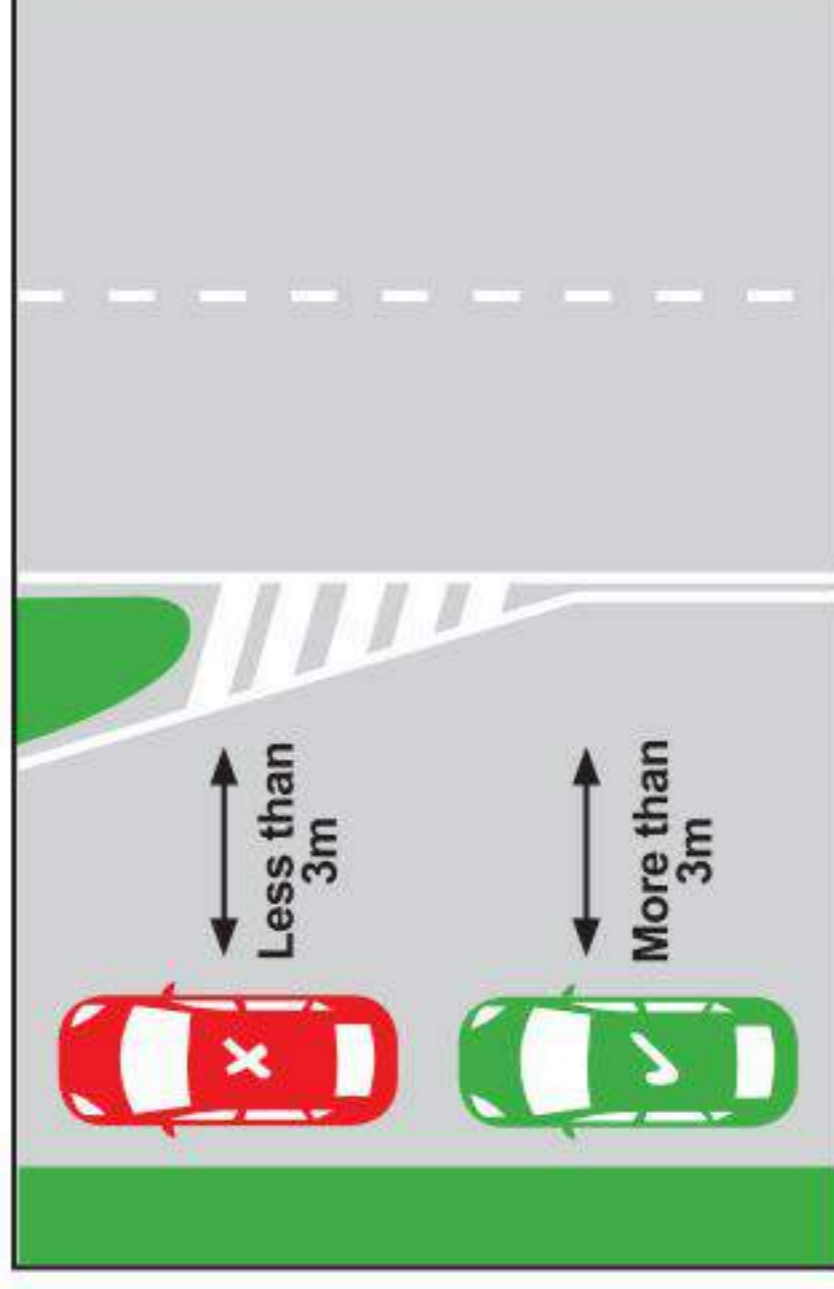
No Stopping area must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times. You cannot park in a P3min area for longer than 3 minutes.

## WITHIN 10 METRES OF AN INTERSECTION



A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

## 3 METRE GAP FOR SAFETY



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY SAFE

- Supervise your children in or near traffic
- Walk or cycle to school with your child
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from Authorities
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

### Free Telephone Interpreter Service

العربية	9679 9871	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9679 9879
Ελληνικά	9679 9873	தமிழ்	9679 9879
हिंदी	9679 9879	Türkçe	9679 9877
Italiano	9679 9874	Tiếng Việt	9679 9878
Македонски	9679 9875	Other	9679 9879
简体中文	9679 9857		



# PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Telephone: 9217 2170

Email: [info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

Web: [whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

## SPEED



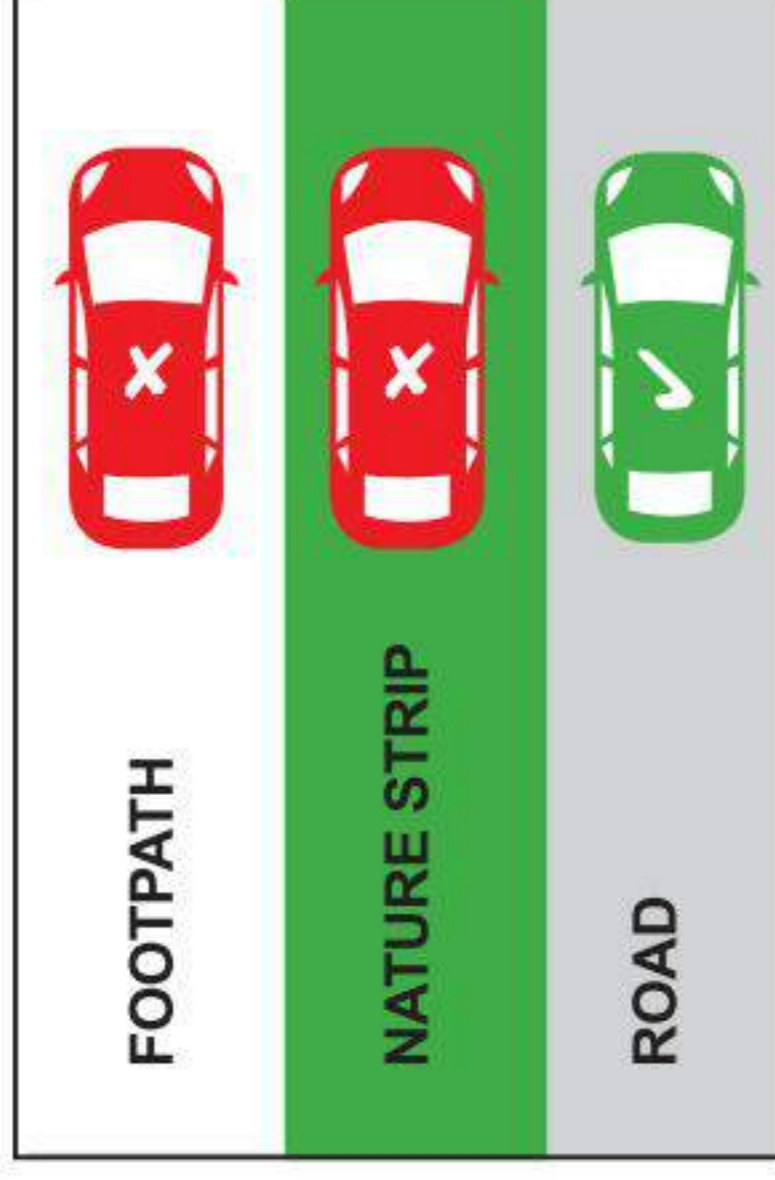
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

## SCHOOL CROSSINGS



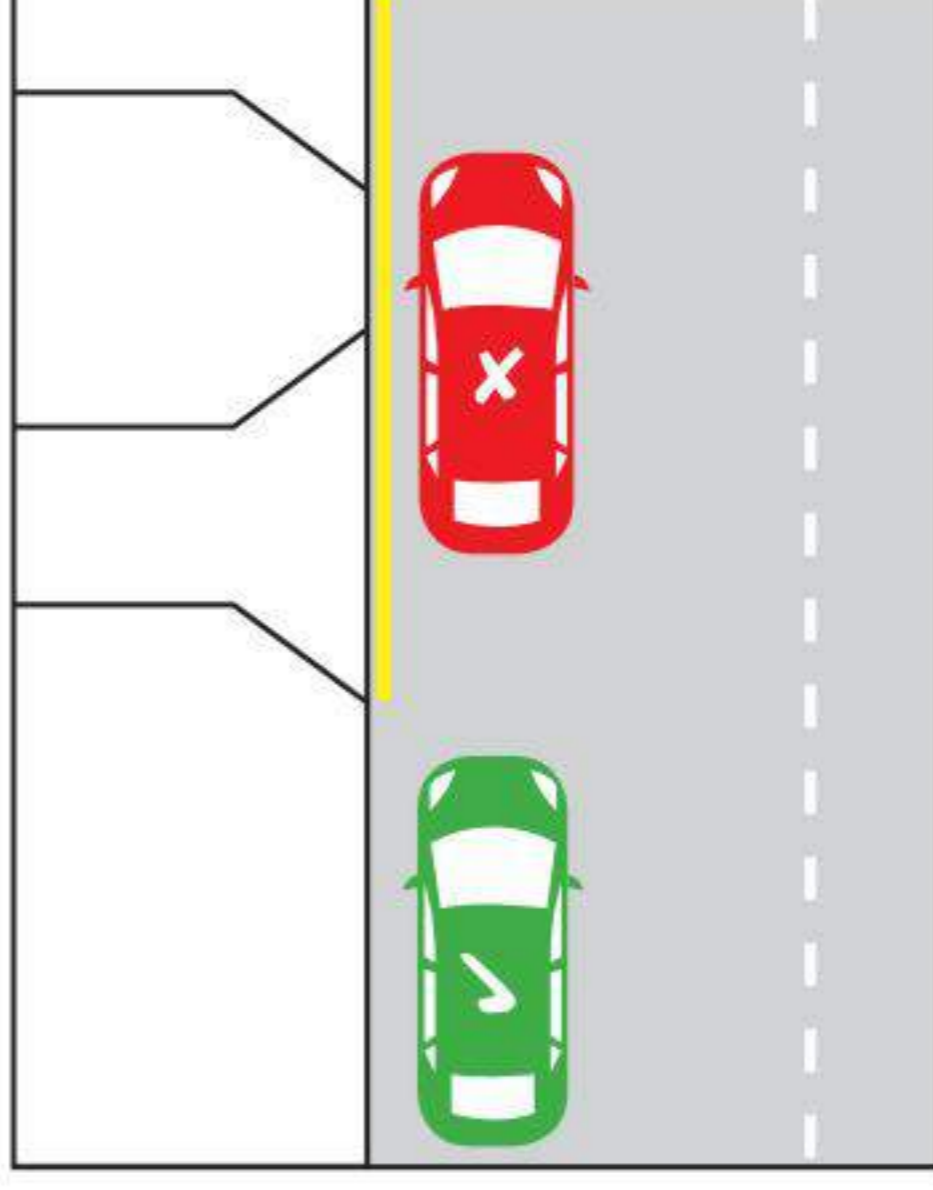
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors.
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing.
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

## NO PARKING ON NATURE STRIPS/FOOTPATHS



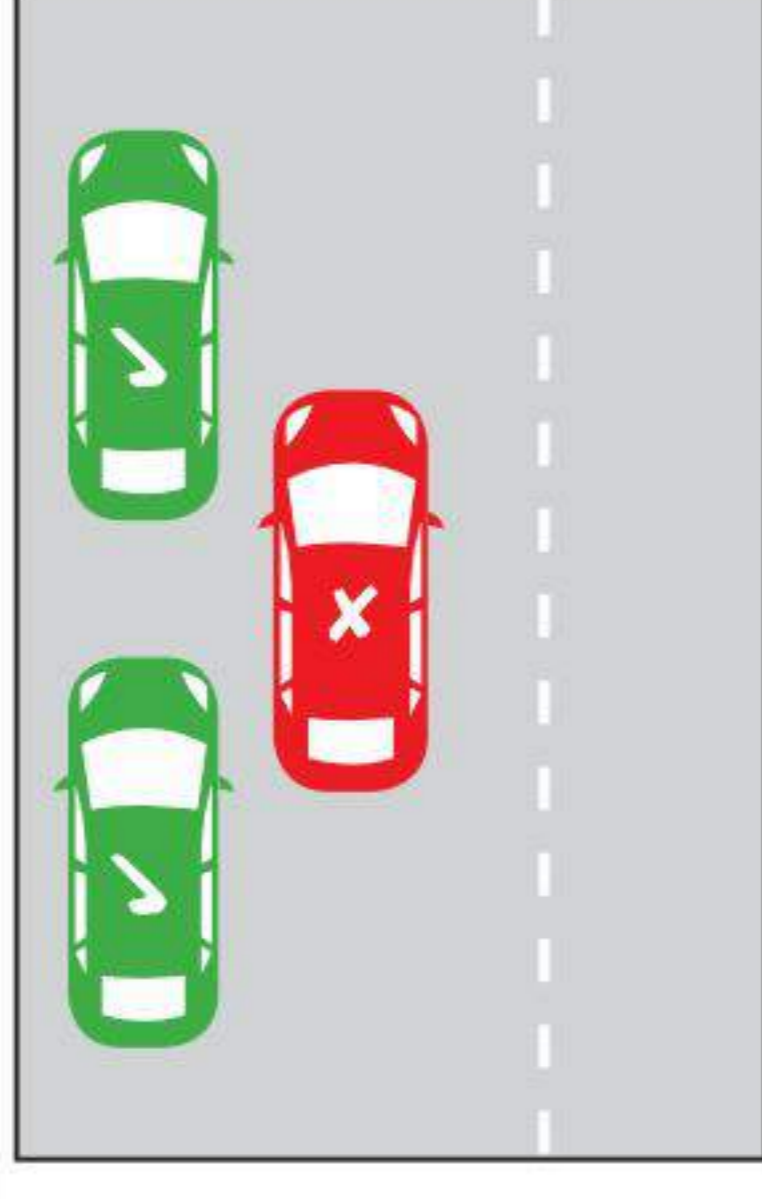
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

## YELLOW EDGE LINE



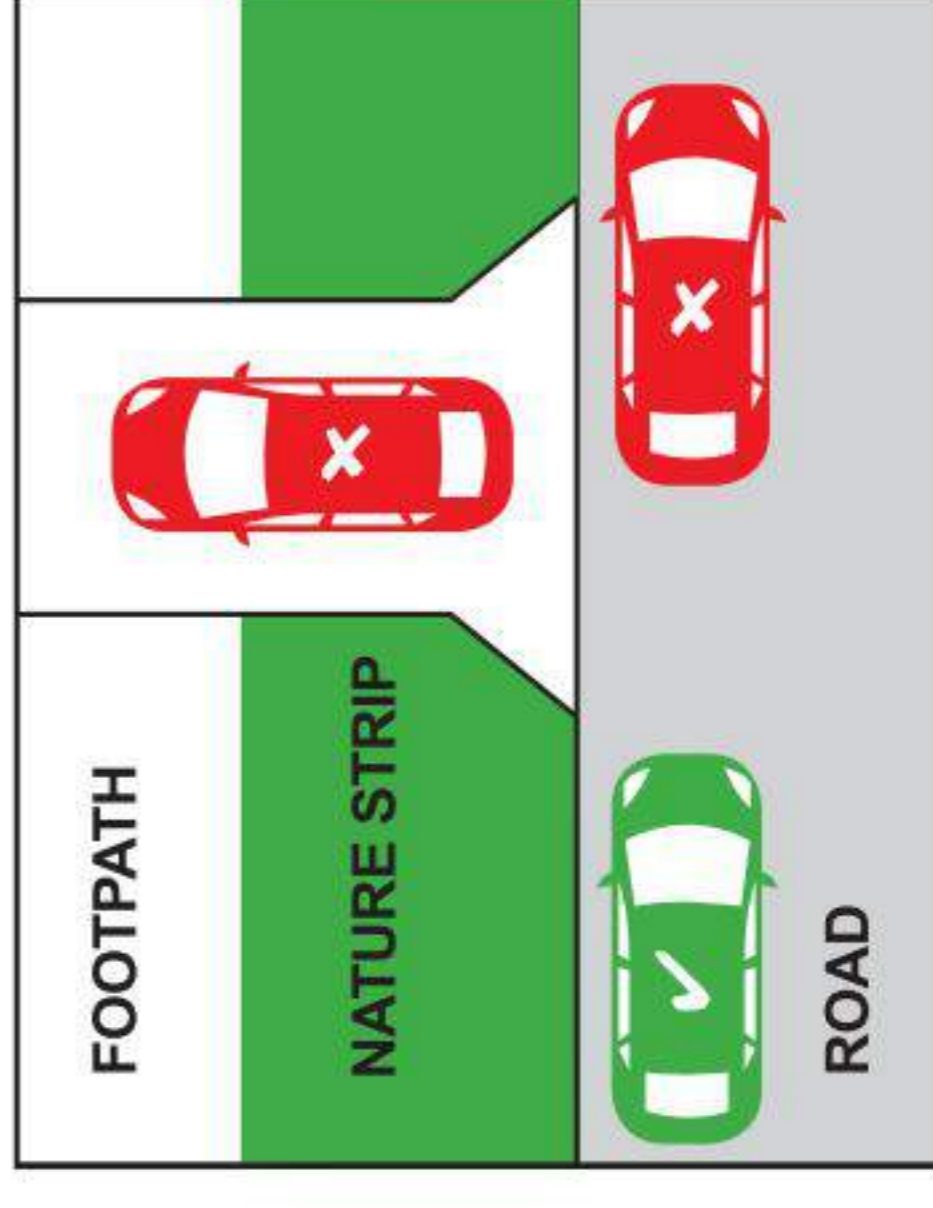
A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

## DOUBLE PARKING



It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

## STOPPING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS



It is illegal to stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than 2 mins and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.



St Monica's College, Epping  
invites you to the...

# *International Women's Day Breakfast*

**FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2019**

**7.00 AM - 8.30 AM**

**GATEWAY ROOM, DALTON ROAD CAMPUS**

**\$25 PER PERSON**

\$5 from each ticket sold will be donated to the  
Cancer Council of Victoria

RSVP by Friday 22 February to  
Glenda Hay  
9401 6539

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