



MEDIA - BE ON YOUR GUARD



We ought not fear the media, it is too great an influence in our modern lives to flee from it. However, I contend, that we do need to be wary of its honesty, accuracy and intentions in many circumstances.



Media covers so many aspects of our modern day living – print media (though some argue its gradual decline), electronic media (television and radio), social media (Facebook, Instagram and many other online forms) probably comprise the bulk of media to which

we are attracted.

There are many purposes for consulting the media. If we require news, then we have the newspapers available, printed and online. We might enjoy seeing photographs of events or people, then we can go quickly and easily online or read the *Herald Sun* or *The Age* or glossy magazines.

If we require opinion and advice, then there is a vast range of media to satisfy that need. Switch on free to air TV or one of the services we pay for like Fox or Netflix, consult specifically focussed magazines on topics of interest (including health, fitness, food and nutrition). Religious media provides articles on faith matters, interviews with leading religious figures, and reflective interviews.

Through all this, we still must be vigilant that bias, 'fake news', falsification of facts, and untruths are not being put forward to us as if they are undeniably right. Be critical readers, listeners, receivers of news and opinion. Be alert for the sneaky way some publishers, editors and journalists present inaccurate information. Do not allow ourselves to be tricked into adopting views which are not worthy of support.

What criteria ought we adopt to verify the messages of the media? How long is a piece of string, you might say, but main criteria include clear evidence provided, reliable and creditable sources used, objectivity, balance, corroborated content, absence of bias and inclusion of truth.

In children's media, are hidden subliminal messages being sent? Watch out. In adolescent media, is there truth and are there worthy morals being communicated? Be critical analysts. In adult media, do we hear and see words and pictures and images which represent truth and worthy ideals?

In the time of Jesus, our Lord used His spoken words, He even drew messages and teachings in the sand. His apostles and disciples wrote down those messages and teachings in their scriptures and passed them onto generations that have followed. Media is the messenger.

Let us enjoy, relax, learn from, derive recreation, form personal informed opinions, and celebrate good media in all its genres.



IMPORTANT DATES UNTIL END OF YEAR

November

- 10 Year 12 Exams commence
- 17 Principal's Trophy for Technology (Virtual)
- 24 Year 10 – Year 11 Classes conclude
- 25 Parent Teacher Conferences (Student Free)
- 26 Hello Year 11 and Year 12 (2021) commences
- 27 Christmas Carols (Virtual).

December

- 2 Year 9 Classes conclude
- 3 Year 10 (2021) Hello Program
- Final day for all students (Homeroom – Period 5).

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Years 7 – 11 will be held on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm via Zoom video conferencing. This is a student free day.

Bookings can be made by using the Parent Access Module (PAM) system from 9.00 am on Monday 16 November using log-on details sent by Mrs Elissa Avramopoulos.

If you require any assistance please contact the College on 9409 8800.

These interviews will be summative in nature, providing ways by which the student can work towards improving in 2021.

If you are unable to make a booking during the times above, please do not hesitate to email the relevant Subject teacher.

RE-ENROLMENT PAYMENT

We have been overwhelmed by the extraordinary rate of re-enrolment, thank you. For the handful of families left to pay the fee, we shall soon be removing your child from the College roll to accommodate the huge demand we are receiving for enrolment from students in other schools for Years 8 – 12 in 2021. Please do not miss out. **A fee, reimbursed in 2021, must be paid in 2020.**

WEBSITE COVERAGE

So many events, competitions and other matters of interest have been videoed for the community to watch and enjoy. Here is the list:

- Principal's Award for Public Speaking
- Senior Dance Showcase
- Year 12 Graduation
- St John Cadets Ceremony + many more.

Please watch and see the high quality attained by our students, video producers and event organisers via the College website.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) ELIGIBILITY EXTENSION FOR 2020

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 **camps** 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 based on the extension per student will be:

\$112.50 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

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 2020 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2020 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 2020.

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 1 (28 January 2020) or Term 2 (14 April 2020) and Term 3 (5 October 2020).**

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **27 November 2020** for eligibility. For more information about the CSEF, visit www.educationvic.gov.au/csef

For any further queries, please contact Miss Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

CAREERS CORNER



Change of mind!

It is not uncommon for students to select subjects for the following year, or courses for University (Year 12 students), and then have a change of mind.

Subject changes at school

Students have already selected their subjects to be studied in 2021. If they have since changed their mind, they do get an opportunity to change their selections by completing a subject change form. Subject change forms for Davisson Street Campus students can be obtained from the Careers Centre. Students at Dalton Road Campus can get theirs from Dalton Road Campus reception.

Change of University preferences.

Many universities who normally hold Change of Preference sessions on campus will be doing it online this year. If Year 12 students are at all concerned about their preferences for 2021 we recommend reaching out to the universities directly, as they can answer all of your questions. Just about all the universities have acknowledged that this year is not like normal and are taking the circumstances into account.

Year 12 students will receive further information about 'change of preferences' directly from school, once their exams are finished. They will be informed of availability and contact details of the universities and St Monica's College Careers staff so that they can make their enquiries once ATAR results have been received.

'Change of Preference' period is from 30 December 2020 until 4 January 2021.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Monican Carols by Candlelight

LATE NOVEMBER

CASTING CALL!

To audition for this event, complete the Google Form via this link;
<https://forms.gle/jg9MFDzkYNCpPudu5>

Auditions close Tuesday 21 October. Good luck!

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OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

ASH Tutors 2021

This is an invitation to current Year 11 students to make an application to become After School Homework (ASH) Program tutors for 2021! We are looking for two students to work two nights a week each in the Pamela Coyle Library. Application Forms are available from the Sister Julian Quaine Library and need to be returned to Davisson Street Campus Reception by 20 November. Interviews will be conducted after this date. If you would like more information contact Mrs Leach on Dalton Road Campus.

"Australia Reads" Promotions 1 - 12 November

In recent years there has been an national promotion known as "Australian Reading Hour". Obviously, 2020 has been anything but normal, and the program has been moved - this time becoming "Australia Reads" 1 – 12 November.

During this time Australians of all ages are invited to share and celebrate the joys of reading; whether you are starting a new book, or you are already enjoying one, Thursday 12 November is the main event nation-wide. On that morning, all classes on Dalton Road Campus will spend one period reading. You are invited to stop what you are doing, pick up a book and silently read. Make sure that you have a book ready so we can all enjoy the opportunity to unwind, get inspired and find joy in a book of your choice. Any questions or concerns can be brought to Mrs Johnson in the Pamela Coyne Library.

But wait.. there is more.

Students who read a book during the "Australia Reads" promotion and complete details on an "Australia Reads" bookmark will be entered into a draw for our Pamela Coyne Library Hamper prizes. Choose your book and pick up a bookmark at the Pamela Coyne Library for entry into this draw. Winners will be announced following the Reading period across the campus on 12 November.

Study Centre at the Julian Quaine Library

The Study Centre will be available for all Year 10 and Year 11 students until 19 November.

This is the perfect opportunity to complete tasks, consolidate your learning, organise yourself or just get back on track for the remainder of the year. We have a Maths and Science tutor and an English or Humanities tutor available each afternoon.

The Study Centre operates from 3.25 pm to 5.00 pm Monday to Thursday in the Sister Julian Quaine Library.

WORLD OF SPORT

St Monica's College ran its very first Principal's Gift on home soil which provided the St Monica's Community with an exciting and enjoyable day. The introduction of the Monican Mile provided entertainment which was made up of the College's best long-distance runners. Nicholas Younes (Year 11) was crowned Champion as he chased down Katelyn Busittel (Year 8) over the four laps with a 52 seconds head start. Well done to all the runners of the event.

The Curtain raiser set up for a thrilling Principal's Gift. 2020 saw two new Principal's Gift winners: Chase Page (Year 11) was crowned the Male Champion in a time of 9.73 seconds, displaying that he is one of the best athletes at the College. Erica Rocchiccioli (Year 11) was the Female Champion in a time of 12.02 seconds, showcasing that she is one of the fastest Monicans in the College. The runners both had tough handicaps respectively and beat some threatening competition. These students will go down in the St Monica's history books.

Thank you to all of the staff involved in the running and set up of the day.



Erica Rocchiccioli (Year 11)



Nicholas Younes (Year 11)



Chase Page (Year 11)

PIANO COMPETITION RESULTS

The Piano Competition was held as an online event this year with students submitting a video performance on Friday 30 October. Eighteen students participated in one of three sections (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) and the standard was very high across all competitors. Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Senior Section:
Vincent Xue - Winner
Melissa Huynh
Highly Commended

Junior Section:
Tanya Johnston – Winner
Slavica Altandzieva
highly Commended

Intermediate Section:
Alaina Santos – Winner
Karl Rabago
Highly Commended

Well done to all students who participated in the 2020 Piano Competition.

CEM STEM MAD goes DIGITAL 2020 AWARDS

Catholic Education Melbourne held its CEM STEM MAD goes Digital, Showcase on 27 October 2020. CEM STEM MAD Showcase is designed to acknowledge and promote STEM learning initiatives that address real-world problems and demonstrate how students in Catholic schools take action that makes a difference (MAD).

The Archdiocese of Melbourne invited Primary and Secondary schools, to showcase their student initiatives in STEM learning, with entries from across Victoria and this year, NSW. STEM education is an integrated approach to teaching the Learning Areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

I am pleased to announce that students from St Monica's College, STEAM Hub co-curricular activities received the following three awards.

Zoos Victoria 'Conservation Award' - Secondary
Aeration and oxygenation device
Anna Ma - Year 8.

Royal Botanic Gardens 'Inspired by Nature Award' - Secondary
Aeration and oxygenation device
Anna Ma - Year 8.

Immersive Education 'Future is STEM Award'
Daytona Xplorer
Jonathan Musig
Frank De Cata - Year 11.

Congratulations to our Monican award winners for their achievements.

<https://sites.google.com/vic.catholic.edu.au/stemmad/2020-finalist-videos?authuser=0>



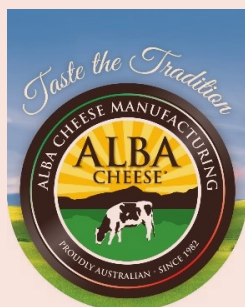
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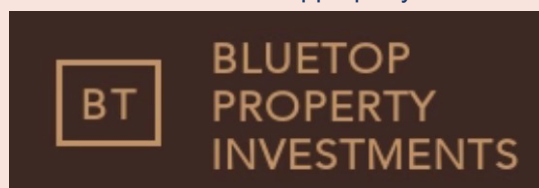
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2020 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Principal's Art Prize
Principal's Ribbon for Cookery
Principal's Award for Public Speaking
Principal's Cup for Song
Principal's Trophy for Technology
Principal's Gift

MUSIC

Concert Band
Flute Ensemble
Guitar Ensemble
Intermediate Band
Junior Rock Band
Junior String Ensemble
Male Vocal Ensemble
Piano Competition
Percussion Ensemble
Saxophone Ensemble
Senior Jazz Combo
Senior Rock Band
Senior String Ensemble
Senior Vocal Ensemble
SMC Singers
Stage Band
Year 7 Band

SPORT ACADEMIES AND PROGRAMS

Academy Talent Identification and Development (TID) Programs
AFL Academy
Athlete Development Program (ADP)
Athletics Academy
Basketball Academy
Northern Football Academy
Netball Academy
Tennis Academy

SPORTS

Badminton
Chess
Cricket
Cross Country
Esports
Futsal
Golf
Hockey
Swimming

OTHER

Anime Club
Archives Student Committee
Art Club
Back Stage Crew
Beautiful book binding
College Production
College travel
Debating and Public Speaking
Digital Technology Club
Drones Club
DSC Beyond the Book
DSC Dice, Decks and Duels Club
DSC Fitness Class
DSC History Club
E-Learning Student Leaders
Environment and Sustainability
Extra-Curricular Fitness Program
Film Club
Hosting
Image Capture Club
Junior Readers' and Writers' Retreat
K-POP Club
Library Monitors
MADD Night
Observation Drawing Club
Photography Club
Politics Club
Premiers' Reading Challenge
Reading Club
Robotics Club
Running Club
Science Club
Scrabble Club
Screen Club
Shakespeare Production
Solar Car/Boat
St. John Youth Division
Tech for Girls
3D Printer Club
Tournament of Minds
Video Game Design Club

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