

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN



ST MONICA'S COLLEGE – A SCHOOL OF EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISE SERVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Today's families need role models.

The story of Monica's life is more relevant today than ever, because it is close to the problems we face in our own time. She had to come to terms with an adulterous, quarrelsome, and unbelieving husband. Despite her best efforts, she raised a son who ignored all moral norms and engaged in the most bizarre experiences, joining various religious sects. Although her methods of dealing with situations as a wife and mother in antiquity often vary from the kinds of solutions available to us today, Monica is still a witness for our time, not because she had a perfect family but because she did not run away from her responsibilities.

Monica loved her husband tenderly, in spite of his many faults. Her secret was that she knew how to see and appreciate his good qualities and she knew how to bring out the best in him. This attitude was not something she took for granted but was the result of vigilance and daily effort. There must have been many occasions in which she had to strive to contain her natural resentment in the face of Patricius' unjustified tantrums and, even more seriously, his matrimonial infidelity.

Monica made sure that each of her children made good use of the talents he or she had received from God: Perpetua by becoming a holy and wise abbess in her monastery, Navigius by forming a serene and exemplary Christian family, and Augustine by becoming a great source of enlightenment for the Church and the world, both during his time, now and in ages to come.

Although particular circumstances may vary, an essential similarity exists with families today and the challenges Monica experienced. She wanted the best for her husband and her children and, as most parents do today, she went to great lengths to ensure they were safe and looked after.

Precisely because of her experience of the problems families often face today, because of her relevance and her profound humanity, perhaps one day the Church will proclaim her not only the patron of Christian mothers but of Christian families. Monica provides a model of behavior that has nothing miraculous or superhuman about it, only simplicity (prayer) and daily effort (perseverance).

This is her great secret and value for families today.

Reference: St Monica—The Power of a Mother's Love (Giovanni Falbo)



ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

Privacy of Collected Information

- 1. St Monica's College collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians and family members before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the College. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations and may be direct from the individual or from another source. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the College, Catholic Education Offices and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to meet its educational, administrative and duty of care responsibilities to the student to enable them to take part in all the activities of the College.
- 2. Some of the information the College collects is to satisfy the College's legal obligations, particularly to enable the College to discharge its duty of care.
- 3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of a College require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant Education Acts and Public Health and Child Protection laws.
- 4. Health information about students (which includes information about any disability as defined by the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*) is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the *Privacy Act 1988*. The College may require medical reports about students from time to time and may otherwise collect sensitive information about students and their families.
- 5. If any personal information requested by the College is not provided, this may affect the College's ability to enrol a student, respond to enquiries, provide the student with educational and support services or allow a person to visit the College.
- 6. The College may disclose personal and sensitive information for administrative, educational and support purposes (or may permit the information to be directly collected by third parties). This may include to:
 - College service providers such as the CECV, Catholic Education Offices, College governing bodies and other dioceses
 - third party service providers that provide online educational and assessment support services or applications (apps) or services in relation to College improvement surveys, which may include email and instant messaging
 - College systems, including the Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON) and Google's 'G Suite' including Gmail. Limited personal information may be collected and processed or stored by these providers in connection with these services
 - CECV and Catholic Education Offices to discharge its responsibilities under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Regulation) and the *Australian Education Act 2013* (Cth) (AE Act) relating to students with a disability, including ongoing evaluation of funding adequacy for individual students
 - CECV to support the training of selected staff in the use of Colleges' systems, such as ICON
 - another school to facilitate the transfer of a student
 - Federal and State government departments and agencies acting on behalf of the government e.g. for audit purposes
 - health service providers, and people providing educational support and health services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers, counsellors and providers of learning and assessment tools
 - assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
 - people providing administrative and financial services to the College
 - anyone you authorise the College to disclose information to; and
 - anyone to whom the College is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including under child protection laws.
- 7. The College is required by the Federal Australian Education Regulation (2013) and Australian Education Act 2013 (Cth) (AE Act) to collect and disclose certain information under the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on students with a disability. The College provides the required information at an individual student level to the Catholic Education Offices and the CECV, as an approved authority. Approved authorities must comply with reporting, record keeping and data quality assurance obligations under the NCCD. Student information provided to the federal government for the purpose of the NCCD does not explicitly identify any student.

- 8. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and other news is published in College newsletters, Annuals, Facebook and on our website.
- 9. The College also used 'Google Apps for Education' (GAFE). Through the use of these services, personal information of pupils, parents or guardians may be transferred, stored, and processes by Google in the United Stats or any other country Google uses to provide these services. College personnel and the CECV and their service providets may have the ability to access, monitor, use or disclose emails, communications (e.g. instant messaging), documents and associated administrative data for the purposes of administering the system abd ensuring its proper use.
- The College makes reasonable efforts to be satisfied about the protection of any personal information that may be collected, processed and stored outside Australia in connection with any cloud and third-party services and will endeavour to ensure it will be located in countries with substantially similar protections as the APPs.
- 11. Where, information (usually limited to name and email address) about students, parents or guardians held by GAFE will be stored and processed by Google in accordance with Google's terms and conditions stated in the G-Suite for Education Agreement which the College entered into with Google. **Note:** this also applies to the College use of Microsoft Office 365.
- 12. Where personal, including sensitive information is held by a cloud computing service provider on behalf of CECV for educational and administrative purposes, it may be stored on servers located within or outside Australia. The country that the College discloses personal and sensitive information to is the United States who has adopted the Safe Harbour Privacy Principles and offers similar Privacy protection to the APPs.
- 13. College personnel and the College's service providers, and the CECV and its service providers, may have the ability to access, monitor, use or disclose emails, communications (e.g. instant messaging), documents and associated administrative data for the purposes of administering the ICON system and ensuring its proper use.
- 14. The College may disclose limited personal information to the College parish to facilitate religious and sacramental programs, and other activities such as fundraising.
- 15. The College's Privacy Policy also sets out how parents, guardians, students and their family can make a complaint if they believe the College has interfered with their privacy [and how the complaint will be handled].
- 16. The College may engage in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. [It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the College's fundraising activities solely for that purpose.] We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
- 17. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in College newsletters and magazines, on our intranet and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of student activities such as sporting events, College camps and College excursions. The College will obtain permissions from the student's parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) prior to publication to enable the College to include such photographs or videos in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet. The College may obtain permissions annually, or as part of the enrolment process. Permissions obtained at enrolment may apply for the duration of the student's enrolment at the College unless we are notified otherwise. Annually, the College will remind parents and guardians to notify the College if they wish to vary the permissions previously provided. We may include student's and parents' or guardians' contact details in a class list and College directory.
- 18. If you provide the College with the personal information of others, such as other family members, doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them you are disclosing that information to the College and why, that they can request access to and correction of that information if they wish and to also refer them to the College's Privacy Policy for further details about such requests and how the College otherwise handles personal information it collects and complaints it receives.
- 19. The College's Privacy Policy is accessible via the College website, newsletter, handbook, or from the College office. The policy sets out how parents, guardians or students may seek access to, and correction of their personal information which the College has collected and holds. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, or may result in a breach of the College's duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons if appropriate.
- 20. The College Privacy Policy is accessible on the College Website www.stmonicas-epping.com or by contacting the College. It explains how you may complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how the College will deal with such a complaint.

RE-ENROLMENT YEAR 8 – YEAR 12, 2020



This following information involves the re-enrolment of your child/children at St Monica's College, Epping. We trust that you will continue to support the College and it is our intention to build on the work of 2019. Next year we shall maintain our high standards to offer a first-class Catholic Education for all our students.

Payment of this re-enrolment fee will be taken as acceptance that you are responsible for payment of the College fees for the forthcoming year as and when they fall due and for the finalisation of any current outstanding fees. Furthermore, that you will abide and support the College Ethos and regulations regarding uniform and conduct.

An annual levy for the enhancement of the College resources is compulsory.

Re-enrolment into Years 8 - 12 must be confirmed by payment of \$150 deposit, which will be deducted from your 2020 fees. If your son/daughter does not return to the College in 2020, this deposit will be not be refunded.

In some circumstances, re-enrolment will be dependent on meeting College standards and/or ability to meet current fee obligations. Those parents will be contacted separately.

New Process

Re-Enrolment 2020

This year you have the option of re-enrolling your children online and making payment through the Community Portal.

Opened: 7 August 2019 Closes: 11 September 2019

You also have the option to come to the College and make your payment. A payment of \$150 is required, to secure a place for your child.

Parents can log in to the Community Portal using their usual login details for College online services.

Parents will be able to find links to the Community Portal:

On the College website On PAM On the Parent Portal

Once logged on to the Community Portal there is also a link to an online guide on how to access various functions including paying for your re-enrolment and updating your contact details. Further information will be advised via the St Monica's Skoolbag app and the Principal's Bulletin.

Having difficulties logging in please contact the College for Assistance, on 9409 8800.

Not Returning to St Monica's College in 2020?

Contact the College Registrar Mrs Enza Sinopoli on 9409 8444 in regard to exiting your child from the College.

ENROLMENTS

Attention Parents of Year 5 Students.

Please note that **Year 7, 2021** enrolments will close on Friday, 23 August 2019. Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2021 – 2023.

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

CAREERS CORNER



The Hume Whittlesea LLEN is hosting 'find their feet', which is a personalised three-step journey into the future world of work for Year 8 and Year 9 students and their families to explore career pathways.

Using current interests, strengths and skills as a starting point and one-on-one conversations with real employers as your guide, students will leave feeling inspired and confident with a much clearer idea of where they are headed and how to get there.

Thursday, 5 September 2019 Whittlesea Tech School 33 Cooper Street, Epping (access via Dalton Road)

Session 1 4.00 pm - 5.15 pm **Session 2** 5.45 pm - 7.00 pm

Please SAVE THE DATE and stay tuned for further information on how to register for this <u>FREE EVENT!</u>

While 'find their feet' is targeted at Year 8 and Year 9 students, we welcome students across all year levels to attend.

To find out more about 'find their feet' please visit findtheirfeet.org or Facebook @findtheirfeet

PRINCIPAL'S CUP FOR SONG FINALISTS

Congratulations to the following vocalists who have been selected as finalists to compete in the Principal's Cup for Song. The competition will be held on Monday 9 September, 7:00 pm, in the Theatre of All Nations.

Vy Dao; Alice Xue; Jackson Robinson; Ava Villella; Aliya Awad; TJ Fepuleai; Rhea John; Luzella Costa-Villegas; Nicholas Peterson; Aaliyah Mathias; Ashly Reji; Mandy Petros; Lisa Shamuyarira; Nicoletta Kyvernitakis-Lithari.

BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

The fourth round of the 2019 DAV debating competition for the Watsonia region was held on Monday 29 July at Loyola College, Watsonia.

Results were:

A grade

SMC 1 225 lost to Assumption College 1 227

Best speaker: Hachins D'Souza

B Grade

SMC 1 221 defeated Ivanhoe Grammar 2 220

Best speaker : Ramel Kunda

C Grade

SMC 1 225 defeated Assumption College 2 220

Best speaker: Adam Galletti

D Grade

SMC 1 226 defeated Mill Park SC 2 224

Best speaker: Sienna Bartolomeo

SMC 2 223 lost to Eltham High School 1 225

Well done to all debaters and coaches on their preparation for their debates.

The fifth round of the 2019 DAV debating competition for the Watsonia region was held on Monday 5 August at Loyola College, Watsonia.

Results were:

A grade

SMC 1 forfeited to Ivanhoe Grammar, Plenty 1

B Grade

SMC 1 221 lost to Assumption College 3 223

C Grade

SMC 1 222 lost to Catholic Ladies College 1 226

D Grade

SMC 1 223 lost to Assumption College 2 226

SMC 2 222 defeated Parade College 4 221

Well done to all debaters and coaches on their preparation for their debates. This now concludes the 2019 DAV debating season.

Annual Evatt Victorian United Nations competition

On Monday 5 and Monday 12 August, six Year 10 students participated in the annual Evatt Victorian United Nations competition held at the University of Melbourne Law School. On 5 August Adam Galletti, Aaron Connor, Vivek Antony Gilbert and Ericson Abraham Morkattil competed as representatives of Belgium and the Ivory Coast respectively. They debated resolutions on the issues of *The rise of xenophobia in the world and the genocide of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar*. On 12 August, Isaac Soliman and Connor Uniacke represented the nation

of Kuwait and debated resolutions on the issues of *The rise of xenophobia in the world*, the question of the Senkaku Islands and a secret topic on the issue of Hindu extremism is India. Well done to all students on representing SMC through their exceptional performances. Results for these rounds will be released shortly to determine who proceeds to the next round.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Year 8 Community Service - Caroline Chisholm Society:

Allyson Jardine; Siya Sharma; Alana Mouncher; Nicole Essery; Gabrielle Morales: Simon Tawfiq; Bethany Uniacke; Harman Sandhu

Year 9 St Peter's Literacy Program:

Sienna Bartolomeo; Ava Villella; Ele Matty; Naomi Do; Livinia Le; Nell Rejith; Nicholas Mitsinikos; Layla Abbas; Lauren Gladman; Juliette Fepuleai; Jackson Robinson; Julia Marasco

Year 10 Community Service - Green Gables Aged Care:

Cara Mazzarella; Jennifer Poto; Talia Zdraveska

Year 10 Community Service - St Vincent de Paul:

Bella Ebrahim; Anela Go; Lucy Maniaatis; Madeleine Caputo; Emily Marasco; Danielle Barilla; Gianna Anastasiou; Alyssa Sabatino

Year 11 Community Service - Merriang Special Developmental School:

Prerna Chopra; Mary Awad; Marco Iaconis; Corina Martini.

FROM THE STAFF ROOM

- a) Congratulations to Roseanne Hart and her husband, Daniel, on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Charlotte. Mother and baby are doing very well.
- b) Staff Members for the Month of July are Mr Dean Cassar and Mr Steve Walsh for their outstanding contribution to Grounds and Building projects in recent months.
- Bereavements: Noel Browne (former Business Manager of St Monica's College) and father of staff member Matthew Brown.
 Mr Anton Jones. (former member of staff and

Faculty Leader of Technology). May their souls rest in peace.

- d) Condolences are extended to Mark Eastham, his mother and family on the death of Mark's father, Robert, in Gippsland on 27 July.
- e. Ms Alison Fernandes requires surgery on her knee and thus will be absent for an extended period as from 5 August. We wish Alison well.

- f. New staff to welcome: Ms Holly Marshall who will teach Dance in Terms 3 and 4 and Mrs Jean Incorvaja as the new Payroll Officer.
- h. We wish Ms Marion Rogers well as she departs SMC on 30 August.
- Staff Professional Learning Day—14 August All teaching staff were involved in a Professional Learning Day held in the new Davisson Street Campus Teaching & Learning building.

The key note presenters and workshop facilitators focussed on Flexible Learning Spaces.

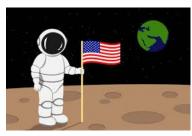
HARRY POTTER IN THE PCL



Congratulations to the many incredibly enthusiastic Harry Potter fans who participated in our Trivia Competition . This year the winners were from Ravenclaw House,

closely followed by Gryffindor House. Prizes were won by many of the participants in each House. Keep a look out for our next PCL competition.

"MOON LANDING" COMPETITION WINNERS



We have three winners in the "Moon landing" competition held in the Sister Julian Quaine Library to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing in 1969. Congratulations to Alex

Marangi, Simon Todorovski and Tiffany Huynh. All three students have picked up their space-themed book prizes with gratitude and pleasure.

WORLD OF SPORT

2019 SMC House AFL 9's Series Competition

The first game of the 2019 AFL 9's series was played on Friday 9 August with the following results:

Buckley's Champs 7 goals - 3 points = 45 points def Pasa's Piranhas 5 goals - 0 points = 30 Best on Ground -Angelo Demarte (Buckley's Champs).

Round 2 of the AFL 9's series was held on Tuesday 13 August at lunchtime with the following results:

Krstevski's Krusaders 8.0.48 def 7.1.43 Barb's Bullets. Best on Ground: Jesse Malfi (Krstevski's Krusaders).

The next game will be held on Friday 16 August.

Year 9 Premier League Competition

Round 1 against Kolbe Catholic College

SPORT	SMC		Kolbe
Girls Netball	62	def	5
Girls Volleyball	3 sets	def	1 set
Boys Volleyball	3 sets	def	0 sets
Boys Basketball	57	def	32
Girls Basketball	72	def	16
Girls Football	20	def	0
Boys Football	14	def	0

Round 2 against Marymede Catholic College

SPORT	SMC		MARYMEDE
Boys Volleyball	3 sets	def	2 sets
Girls Volleyball	0 sets	def by	3 sets
Boys Basketball	48	def	32
Girls Basketball	22	def by	41
Netball	41	def	18
AFL	12.9.81	def	3.7.25
Girls Football	8	def	0
Boys Football	2	def	1

Round 3 against Penola Catholic College

SPORT	SMC		PENOLA
Boys Volleyball	1 set	def by	3 sets
Girls Volleyball	3 sets	def	0 sets
Boys Basketball	16	def by	49
Girls Basketball	49	def	33
Netball	41	def	23
AFL	11.7.73	def	9.3.57
Girls Football	4	def	0
Boys Football	7	def	1

SACCSS Senior Football Competition

Round 2

SPORT	SMC		MARYMEDE
Girls Football	4	def	1
Boys Football	4	def	0

Round 3

SPORT	SMC		Opponent
Girls Football	18	def	Salesian 0
Boys Football	2	def by	MacKillop 3

SACCSS Junior Hockey Competition

On Monday 5 August, our Junior Boys represented St Monica's College, Epping in the annual SACCSS Hockey Tournament held at the Footscray Hockey Club.

The first game for the boys was against MacKillop College and in what was a hard fought battle; fell to a tight 1 - 0 loss. They managed to bounce back in their second and final group game, with a solid 2—0 win over CRC Melton. Aimon Bzdel was the star with both goals. The boys advanced to the semi-finals, where they met CRC North Keilor. The game was tight, with limited opportunities for both teams as the defence was at a very high standard. Unfortunately, CRC North Keilor were able to break the deadlock with little time left on the clock to advance to the grand final. It was a great effort from our boys as they gave their all for the entire day.

Well done to all the students involved and their coaches Ms Delfos and Mr Hodgson.

SACCSS CHESS TOURNAMENT 2019

On Thursday, 25 July 2019, the annual SACCSS Chess Championships were held at RecWest Community Centre, hosted by Caroline Chisholm College.

St Monica's College, Epping were represented by 24 students in three divisions: Senior, Intermediate and Junior. All competitors played seven matches in the tournament.

In the Senior Division, St Monica's dominated, finishing in first place out of nine schools with a perfect team score of 28 points, ahead of CRC Melton way back in second place on 16 points. The eight members of the St

Monica's Senior team finished in the top eight spots individually. Darelle Quevedo (12 Purple) was the Individual Senior Champion with seven wins, while Jake Vasilevski (10 Orange) in second place, Jarred Susi (12 Silver) third place and Shreshth Saharan (11 Mauve) fourth place were also undefeated throughout the day, each winning all seven matches.

In the Intermediate Division, St Monica's finished in second place (20 points) out of eleven schools, behind a strong showing from Caroline Chisholm College (25.5 points).

In the Junior Division, St Monica's finished in third place (20.5 points) in a very tight competition behind CRC Caroline Springs (21.5 points) and MacKillop College (21 points). Congratulations to Vansh Kumar (7 Silver), who was the Individual Junior Champion, with six wins and a draw from his seven matches.

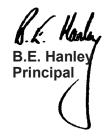
Congratulations to all players involved in these fantastic team and individual results. The Senior Division victory has guaranteed St Monica's College entry into the Open Secondary State Chess Finals held later in the year.



MARVELLOUS MONICANS

Debaters Association of Victoria Public Speaking

On Tuesday 6 August, Manju Vettrivel Malathi and Anika Nicholapillai competed in the semi-finals of the Debaters Association of Victoria Public Speaking competition. They presented a prepared speech of 5 minutes duration and an impromptu speech of 2—3 minutes duration with five minutes preparation time. Both students performed exceptionally but were not selected for the grand-final. Well done and congratulations to Manju and Anika on their performance.





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