



## SHALOM Anywhere you go COLLEGE THEME, 2021

*Shalom Aleichem. Aleichem Shalom in return.  
These are Hebrew blessings and greetings.*

After a turbulent year in 2020, our College community turns to search for harmony amongst itself and with all peoples of Victoria, Australia and the world. We shall act in good faith and in search of truth, to make peace a real and lasting presence in our midst.

The College Theme for 2021 is '**Shalom, Anywhere You Go**'. Monicans are called upon to be peacemakers, to grow strong in the blessings being a peacemaker brings, and be harbingers of harmony, tranquillity and wellbeing anywhere they go.

We shall share and gift peace to those we meet as the year proceeds. May 'Shalom Aleichem' (**Peace to You**) always be the greeting we give, and when we are the one on whom this blessing falls, reply 'Aleichem Shalom' meaning '**To You, Peace**'.

Monicans will be invited to take Jesus as their perfect model of shalom (peace) that we shall discover as we chart His life on earth, beginning with the angels proclaiming Him as the Prince of Peace at His birth in Bethlehem through to His constant greeting, 'Shalom Aleichem' to the frightened apostles before Pentecost. In 2021, Jesus unites, destroys fear and evil, and His actions and words will encourage us to place peace at the height of our College life well lived.

This is a theme of joy and gladness and Monicans are destined to enjoy this year and flourish as the fine and future leaders of society they will surely become. In 2021, may we embrace shalom (peace) and reject all signs of discord and enmity. We shall spread peace through word and action anywhere we go from our homes in Lalor, Epping, Thomastown, Epping or wherever we live, to the bright lights of basketball stadia, to travelling long distances on jet planes, to embracing the young indigenous child at the remote outback or village school.

'Shalom, Anywhere You Go' will be a challenge set before the senior students as they mingle with others for whom peace may not be a priority. They will be called, just as Jesus sent His disciples, to go out and proclaim shalom over selfishness, false values and violence of all types amongst people of similar age.

'Shalom, Anywhere You Go' will lead Monicans into dark corners of the world through mysterious and brave discovery, into dark streets of Melbourne where poverty and drugs destroy peace, into dark minds of people whose goals in life are centred entirely on self-interest, misuse of power that causes grief, and values that divide and destroy communities.

Through the year in class, at assemblies, and in person, we shall be introduced to peacemakers, many local celebrities and humble youth workers, recognised contemporary good people who live in the spirit of shalom, and saintly persons as well known and loved as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and others

perhaps not as widely known in Australia such as Dorothy Day from America.

This theme 'Shalom, Anywhere You Go' will appear on the walls of every Home Room in the College. Each Religious Education class will commence with the greeting 'Shalom Aleichem' and the answer will be 'Aleichem Shalom'. Teachers and students will share the greeting. Every opportunity will be taken advantage of to share this greeting and response so that people from outside our school will marvel and say, 'Surely, these Monicans are people of peace.'



Throughout 2021, anywhere we go, the Holy Spirit will lead us to discover and learn more about the gift of peace. We shall travel way back into ancient times of the sixth Century and meet King Cyrus the Great of Persia, generous giver of peace, who rescued the Jews and brought them out of captivity guiding them back to their homeland. History will teach us other and more tales of peace, art will portray the beauty of peace, song will celebrate the vibrant energy of peace, Monican fellowship will become the quiet blessing that makes us all better and happy people.

Anywhere they go, Monicans may be asked, 'Tell me, what is shalom?' Each Monican will be invited at the end of the first semester to write their personal definition.

'Shalom Anywhere You Go' will take us to experiences we have not yet felt. This theme might take us, through practised meditation, to heavenly places of peace on earth; to a spiritual journey such as experienced by St Monica and Augustine at Ostia as they broke through the human barrier into the perfection of peace encountered in Heaven; it might take away our anxieties and fears, awaken us to the power peace brings and the joy it creates within our heart and soul. Shalom Aleichem. Aleichem Shalom.

Monicans, do not be afraid, Shalom Aleichem. Do become the voice of peace. Shalom Aleichem. Reach out and welcome in always. Shalom Aleichem. Listen to and embrace the God-given spirit you possess. Shalom Aleichem.

Anywhere You Go.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*Where there is doubt, faith;*

*Where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light;*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*St Francis of Assisi*

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College Principal

## WELCOME TO 2021

I am very pleased to welcome all College families to the 2021 school year. It promises to be a very productive and positive year. Please involve yourself in the life and events of St Monica's College.

## PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN in 2021

The editor of this Bulletin, Ms Pamela Griffin (Administrative Assistant to the Principal) and I are responsible for the production of this publication. Our aim will be to produce a Bulletin fortnightly, available online for your convenience.

This year we shall concentrate on including information on College affairs, sporting results and a Marvellous Monican. Contact Ms Griffin if you have a news item or an event in your local community that you believe should be featured in the Principal's Bulletin.

## TUITION FEES ACCOUNTS in 2021

### ENROLMENTS 2023



### Enrol Now

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7 2023. Limited Places Available For Please note: 2023 enrolments will close on Friday, 20 August 2021.

### St Monica's College, Epping

www.stmonicas-epping.com

T: 9409 8800

Junior Campus: Years 7—9

400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076

Senior Campus: Years 10—12

16 Davison Street, Epping VIC 3076



Fee Accounts were emailed and a copy sent via the post to all families last week.

**Please refer to your emails for fee statements and Tax Invoices; these will be emailed at the beginning of each month. For any fee queries please contact the Fees office at [fees@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:fees@stmonicas-epping.com)**

Please note that fee payments are to commence immediately.

Our Billing cycle is from 12 February to 15 October, 2021 (unless paying via direct debit, a further extension until 26 November, 2021).

### 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/Community (fee) portal online payments and Direct Debit.

Please note that payments must commence each year in February.

Paying in person, fee payments are to be made at the Augustine House Administration Office Reception only. All queries are to be directed to the Fees Office on 9409 8800.

Year Level	Tuition Fee	General Levy	Total
7	\$6820.00	\$600.00	\$7420.00
8	\$6930.00	\$600.00	\$7530.00
9	\$7140.00	\$600.00	\$7740.00
10	\$7350.00	\$600.00	\$7950.00
11	\$7620.00	\$600.00	\$8220.00
12	\$7930.00	\$600.00	\$8530.00

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2021 \$225.00

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, veteran's 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 2021 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2021 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2020
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

### 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 (27 January 2021) or term two (19 April 2021).

### Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 25 June 2021 for eligibility. For more information regarding the CSEF, visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

For any further queries, please contact the Finance Office on 9409 8800.



## MAJOR TERM 1 DATES

### Term 1

#### January

29 Year 7 Orientation Day

#### February

1 Year 7 Classes Commence  
2 Year 8-12 Classes Commence  
9 Academic Honours Evening (Virtual)  
16 College Assembly (Virtual)  
17 Ash Wednesday  
17 Dalton Road Campus Photographs  
18 Davisson Street Campus Photographs

#### March

8 Labour Day – Public Holiday  
16 Years 7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences  
23 Year 7 Immunisations  
25 Years 7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences  
29 College Mass (Virtual)

#### April

1 Staff Professional Learning Day (Student Free)  
1 End of Term 1  
2 Good Friday  
4 Easter Sunday  
5 Easter Monday.

## STUDENT GROOMING

Monicans know that grooming standards are high. It is expected that the regulations listed in the Student Planner are followed. If there is a reason for the correct uniform not being worn for a day, a note from parents is required. Please address this to the Home Room Teacher.

Of particular note, I mention: the length of girls' dresses (to the knee); limited facial jewellery and no jewellery elsewhere; length and style of boys' hair is no longer than the shirt collar and moderate; girls' hair is to be tied back; and in general grooming, boys are to tuck their shirts in and do the top button of their shirt up and have their tie to the collar; no make-up.

We are proud of our Monicans – they must look respectable at all times when wearing the official and sports uniforms.

## MUSIC NOTES

### Instrumental Music Lessons

Music lesson enrolments for 2021 are currently open to all students.

Individual or small group lessons are available for the following instruments:

Guitar	Violin	Viola
Cello	Double Bass	Trumpet
Trombone	French Horn	Tuba
Percussion		

Individual lessons only:

Piano	Voice	Drum Kit
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Year 7 students are offered complimentary group lessons and instrument hire for the duration of Semester 1 on all orchestral (strings, brass and woodwind) instruments.

To enrol students for music lessons in 2021, parents are asked to complete the online music enrolment form available on the following link:

<https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/instrumental-music/>

### Ensemble rehearsal times 2021

All students who learn an instrument at the College or from an external provider are encouraged to participate in a College Ensemble. Participation in a College ensemble

offers many benefits including development of: teamwork skills, organisational skills, confidence and social skills.

The College choir, "SMC Singers" is open to all Years 7 – 12 students with an interest in singing and new members are always welcome to join. There is no audition required and students enjoy the many performance opportunities the choir offers throughout the year.

A list of all College ensembles is below. Please contact the Music Office for specific ensemble information.

Ensemble	Director	Day	Time	Room
SMC Singers	Mrs Murone	Thursday	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	TOAN
Senior Vocal Ensemble	Mrs Crowley	Monday	8:00 am – 8:45 am	T18
Junior Singers	Mrs Murone	Thursday	Lunch	E27
Concert Band	Ms Rizzi	Thursday	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	G30
Intermediate Band	Mr Hatherell	Thursday	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	E27
Junior Band	Mr Mc Cluskey	Wednesday	8:00 am – 8:45am	G30
Junior String Ensemble	Miss Cross	Thursday	lunch	G30
Senior String Ensemble	Mrs Crowley	Tuesday	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	E27
Stage Band	Mr Beeche	Wednesday	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	G30
Saxophone Ensemble	Mr Beeche	Wednesday	Lunch	T18
Flute Ensemble	Ms Rizzi	Friday	8:00 am – 8:45 am	T18
Junior Rock Band	Mr Sirianni	Wednesday	Lunch	G30
Senior Rock Band	Mr Sirianni	Tuesday	Lunch	T18
Drum Ensemble	Mr Mc Cluskey	Friday	8:00 am – 8:45 am	G30
Junior Guitar Ensemble	Mr Streeter	Tuesday	Lunch	E27
Senior Guitar Ensemble	Mr Streeter	Tuesday	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	G30

## St Monica's College

Proudly Presents...



17 - 20 June 2021

Stay tuned for more information!

## Performance opportunities and music events in 2021

- ♦ Monicans in May Semester 1 Concert
- ♦ Wizard of Oz Production
- ♦ Music Camp
- ♦ Victorian School Music Festival
- ♦ Boroondara Eisteddfod
- ♦ Sounds of Spring Semester 2 Concert

## IMPORTANT COLLEGE ADDRESSES

### Campus Addresses:

Administration Complex  
Augustine House  
400 Dalton Road  
EPPING VIC 3076

Davison Street Campus  
Years 10 – 12  
16 Davison Street  
EPPING VIC 3076

Dalton Road Campus  
Years 7 – 9  
400 Dalton Road  
EPPING VIC 3076

Monica's Cottage  
Units 1 AND 2  
32 Guila Court  
EPPING VIC 3076

Ostia Campus  
Falls Road  
STRATH CREEK VIC 3658

Website: [www.stmonicas-epping.com](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com)  
E-Mail: [admin@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:admin@stmonicas-epping.com)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/smcepping](https://www.facebook.com/smcepping)  
Linked In: <https://www.linkedin.com/school/st-monica-s-college-epping---official/>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmonicascollegevic/>

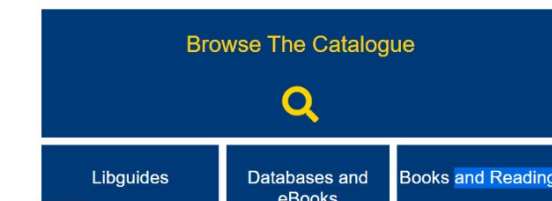
### DALTON ROAD CAMPUS SAFETY GUIDELINES

- ♦ Construction sites are securely fenced off
- ♦ Additional yard duties have been added to our recess and lunchtime rosters
- ♦ Two staff members are on morning and afternoon gate duty ensuring student safety
- ♦ Year 9 students exit the campus via Gate 4, whilst Year 7 and 8 students exit the campus via Gate 3 avoiding congestion
- ♦ Each year level has been designated an active and passive play area away from the construction sites
- ♦ Students have been instructed to avoid the construction sites
- ♦ The Augustine House carpark has been closed and gated and is used only by builders
- ♦ Construction works are assessed daily between the College, Architects and Builders
- ♦ Soundproofing and extra hoardings are installed as required.

## OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

The library portal is the prime access point to connect to sources, accessed 24/7 by logging onto the college web site and in particular:

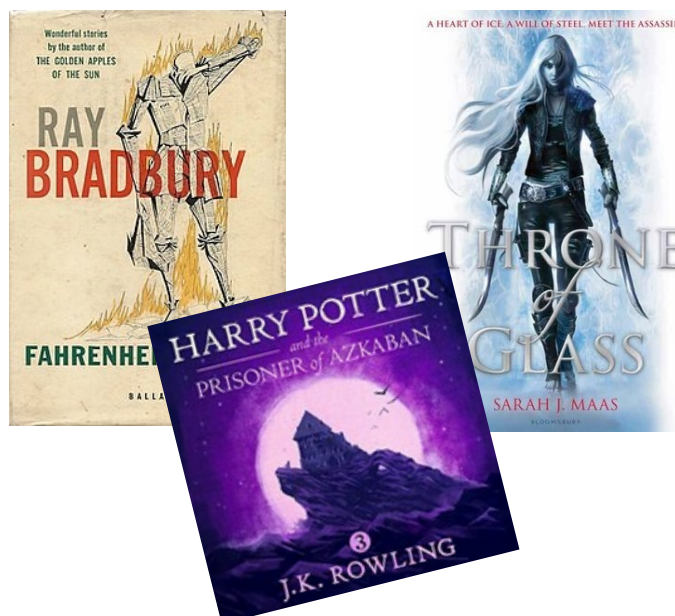
<https://stmonicas-epping.libguides.com/Library>



The library is committed to the joy and promotion of reading and literature and while there is a diverse range of print fiction for loan, this has been extended by the Wheelers eBook platform providing students and staff with access to a huge range of eBooks and audio books as well as providing a reservation section to obtain that next read. The following titles have been popular due to the number of times they have been downloaded (apart from class texts of the Runner and They Came in Viking Ships) from November 2020 to the current date:

- \* Crown of Midnight Sarah J. Maas (eBook)
- \* The Hunger Games Suzanne Collins (eBook and audio)
- \* Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban - J.K. Rowling (eBook and audio book)
- \* Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury (audio book)
- \* Throne of Glass Sarah J. Maas (eBook)
- \* Wonder R Palacio (audio book)
- \* Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince J.K. Rowling (audio book)
- \* Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix J.K. Rowling (audio book).

Some stats from this period, 79 audio titles and 183 eBooks





Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

Our "SMC WELLBEING" newsletters can be found in weekly Staff and Student bulletins which have been emphasising our "Seasonal Heat and Sun Smart" Policy.

We want to remind all our students about being smart in the sun.

#### Why secondary schools?

- School hours fall within peak UV periods of the day
- Exposure to UV in adolescence contributes to skin cancer risk in later life
- Melanoma is the most common cancer in Australian adolescents aged 15–29 years.

Please find the time to read the Sun Smart infographic poster produced by The Cancer Council Victoria and VicHealth and don't forget to "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide!"

#### Protect your skin

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer. Fortunately, most skin cancer can be prevented by using good sun protection when the UV is above 3.

Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide! during sun protection times.

It's never too late to improve your sun protection habits, whether you're six months or 60 years old.

#### Slip on clothing

Clothing can be a great barrier between the sun's UV and your skin.

#### Slop on sunscreen

Sunscreen should be considered the last line of defence. No sunscreen blocks 100% of UV radiation.

#### Slap on a hat

Look for a hat with a tight weave and broad brim that provides good shade to your face, head, neck and ears.

#### Seek shade

Shade can be natural, built or portable.

#### Slide on sunglasses

Choose a close-fitting, wrap-around style of sunglasses.

### Be SunSmart

Slip!  
Slop!  
Slap!  
Seek!  
Slide!



For more information regarding Business Connect, please contact Mr Jordan Hodges in the Promotions and Events Department: [J.Hodges@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:J.Hodges@stmonicas-epping.com)

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Email: [info@lightingleadersepping.com](mailto:info@lightingleadersepping.com).

## Terrific Fitness

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Certified Master Trainer

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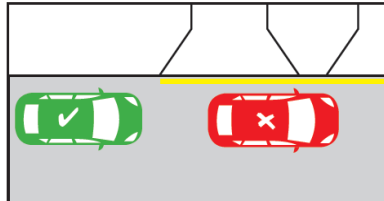
# PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

## Speed



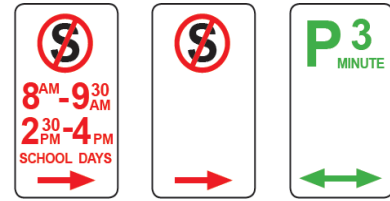
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

## Yellow edge line



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

## Parking/Stopping signage



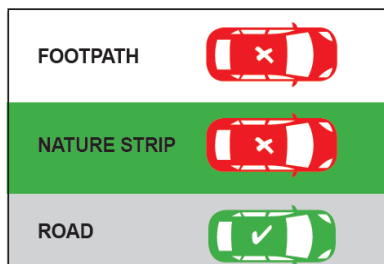
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

## School crossings



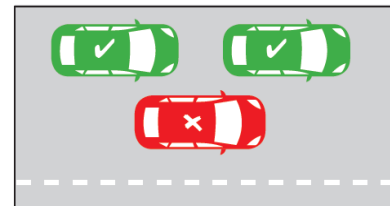
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

## No parking on nature strips/footpaths



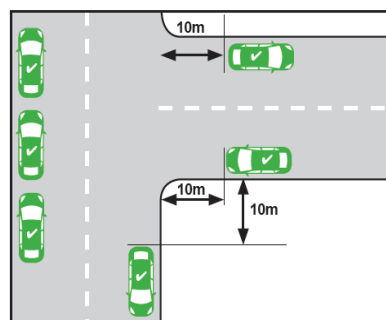
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

## Double parking



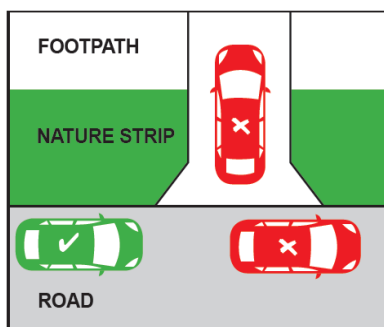
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

## Within 10 metres of an intersection



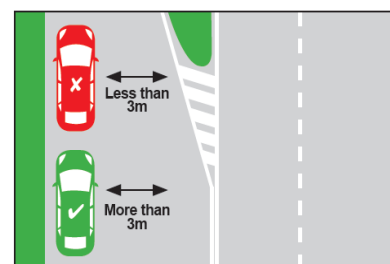
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

## Stopping across driveways



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

## 3 metre gap for signage



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 Italiano 9679 9874  
 Ελληνικά 9679 9873 Македонски 9679 9875  
 हिंदी 9679 9879 简体中文 9679 9857

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ 9679 9879 Tiếng Việt 9679 9878  
 தமிழ் 9679 9879 Other 9679 9879  
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# SCHOOL PHOTOS 2021 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**St Monica's College / Davisson Street Campus**

Thursday, 18 February 2021

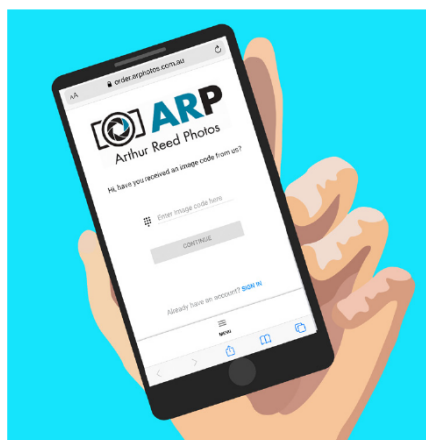
**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

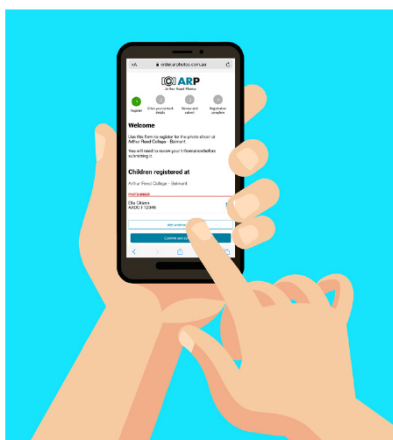
**When you receive the flyer with your child's 2021 image code**

***Follow these 3 simple steps -***

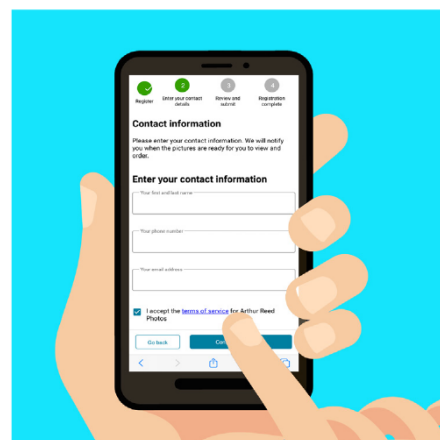
**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2021 image code**



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

***That's it!***

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details**  
**When 2021 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**\*\*BEFORE ORDERING for 2021, please wait to receive notification that new images are online\*\***

- Order on any mobile device
- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images + Digital Downloads



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## ***"RETURN TO SPORTS TRAINING"***



## **MARVELLOUS MONICAN**

*Luke Sarcevic (Year 9) has been an avid tennis player for years. His passion grew from playing socially with friends into something that he truly loves.*

*Luke is currently playing for Keon Park Tennis Club in Section 3 competition and has a Tennis Australia Men's ranking. He has competed for St Monica's College tennis team and trained with the Talent Identification Program.*

*This year, Luke, has been selected as a Ballkid in the 2021 Australian Open and has already worked on some high profile matches. His favourite player is Rafael Nadal and he has his fingers crossed to watch him play courtside while working as a Ballkid.*

*In addition to these great achievements, Luke is a polite and hard-working student who is highly respected by his peers and staff. He is without question a Marvellous Monican.*



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