



FATHER AND MOTHER INCLUDING LOVED YOUNGSTERS



We know that the family unit varies according to households. Our College recognises and values two parents (Mum and Dad) families; single parent families, step parent families and same gender parent families. Not all families still have youngsters as part of the daily clan gathering. Children grow up. However, at some time in its history, a family will have young members, and this would apply to the majority of Monican families in 2021.

We celebrate families, the parents and children, the grandchildren, and grandparents, the aunts and uncles, and cousins. Let us pray that within our Monican community we have families who know peace, are bonded through mutual and shared love, and who are safe, secure, stable and happy.



The Holy Family was not quite the normal family in its structure. Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus certainly are the perfect example of love, but this family was imbued strongly by the

presence of God at the Annunciation. Regardless, from the humble stable of Bethlehem, to the search for Jesus in the temple, during the quiet, private years, through until the start of Jesus's ministry ending on Calvary, the family plays a real role in the Bible through Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

We meet many families in Scripture – the widow and her ill son; sisters, Mary and Martha; brother apostles James and John; and many, many regal and powerful families and family dynasties throughout the Old Testament. Families are a unifying and constant element of societies and always have held that position of critical importance. From the beginning, families have existed, even Adam and Eve had two sons, the brothers Cain and Abel.

Let us love our family and this may be most beautifully done by giving our parents or our children or our grandparents one precious gift – TIME. How kind and generous it truly is to be with our family even separate from the world around us. Let us listen to their stories, experiences, hopes and dreams, and their concerns. Let us relax with Mum, Dad, Granny, Aunty and Cousin Joe around dinner tables, in our lounge rooms, in our home theatres and in the backyard catch-ups. Perhaps pray with and for family members nightly or at least weekly.

On Sunday, 21 March the 2020 Samaritan Medal will be presented to a faithful Monican family, the Leonard family. We shall use this gesture to thank them over several generations for their fidelity to our school, their active work within our community, their generous financial support to worthy causes, and for the leadership many Leonard family members offered to our governance. We pray and give thanks to living and deceased Leonard Family members who will be recognised in a special ceremony including the presentation of the Samaritan Medal.



We are bound in love and name to a mother and son, Saints Monica and Augustine. They are our inspiration and patrons. We were founded by a religious family, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, whose charism and ministry we seek to fulfil. We have family members working right now side-by-side in the College, and there are lots and lots of siblings. So many students are the youngsters of Alumni.

We take time to pray for those family members of ours from whom we are separated for whatever reason. May the souls of those who have entered eternal life rest in peace.

FAMILY love is a most powerful expression of peace – anywhere you go.

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

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

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

PHILIPPINES SANITATION FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all staff and students for their efforts in raising a total of \$2,929.90 for the Philippines Sanitation fundraiser. The funds will be used to build a new toilet facility for the Bacolod Kindergarten operated by the Good Samaritan Sisters in the Philippines. A big step was taken towards ensuring the children and staff of this

community can have access to clean, safe and private sanitation facilities to meet United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6, access to water and sanitation.

YEAR 7, 2023 APPLICATIONS



Enrol Now

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2023
CLOSE ON

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2021



St Monica's College, Epping

www.stmonicas-epping.com

T: 9409 8800

Junior Campus Year 7 - 9
400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076

Senior Campus Year 10 - 12
16 Davisson Street, Epping VIC 3076

Morning Tea With The Principal

Tours of the junior campus are held regularly throughout the year during school time. This is an excellent opportunity to see our College at work. Bookings are essential.

For tour dates, bookings and further information about enrolment, please contact the College Registrar on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.



APPLY NOW: www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply

MAJOR TERM 1 DATES

Term 1

March

- 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

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES Years 7—12

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Years 7 – 12 will be held on **Thursday 25 March** from 2.30 pm – 8.00 pm online via Zoom.

Bookings can be made by using the Parent Access Module (PAM) system using your log on details received previously.

If you require any assistance please contact the College on 9409 8800. Students will conclude at lunchtime (12.55 pm).



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



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MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

As the end of Term 1 approaches, all families should have received their 2021 Tuition Fee Statements.

We remind all families that Tuition Fees are due and payable each term and should be paid progressively throughout the year. For those families who have not made a Term 1 payment, we ask that you attend to this promptly. If you are not on a College payment plan and would like to consider this option, please contact fees@stmonicas-epping.com.

Further, we remind families that fee statements are emailed monthly and sent via the post at the beginning of each Term. It is important to have your email address updated as this is necessary to receive communication. Please contact the College on 9409 8800 to update your details.

COLLEGE ANNUAL OF 2020

I do hope that Monican families of 2020 enjoyed receiving the Annual this week. It was a colorful and engaging edition this year which really captured the mood and challenges of a difficult and most exceptional year. Nevertheless, lots still happened to fill the pages of this fine production.

I apologise for the accidental omission of 7 Jade 2020 from class photographs. This matter will be rectified as soon as possible.

Families should have received the first edition of *The Monican* for 2021. I commend the editor, Ms Pamela Griffin and together we produce this Bulletin and *The Monican*. I hope that the articles and pictures are of interest.

HOW AND WHERE TO FIND SMC ON-LINE

St Monica's College, Epping has a visible and strong online presence. There are multiple platforms and areas in which you can see different aspects of the College and gain vital information.

We have recently undergone a thorough makeover of our website, incorporating new imagery, videos and sections detailing a revitalised and modern feel, mixed with all updated information regarding all aspects of the College. The College website can simply be accessed through typing into your search engine: 'St Monica's College, Epping' appearing as the first result.

The College is active on a variety of social media platforms, demonstrating the day-to-day activities, events, and overall campus life. The College social media handles aim to illustrate the College in a different lens by connecting with existing members of the Monican community, as well as give an insight to prospective parents/guardians who are intrigued and desire to see more of the College.

Our College social media handles can be accessed within each platform by typing into the search bar: 'St Monica's College, Epping.' Or, the direct links are below if you wish to type them into your search engine.

www.facebook.com/smcepping/
www.instagram.com/stmonicascollegevic/

twitter.com/smc_epping
www.linkedin.com/school/st-monica's-college-epping-official

Recently, the College has branched out into departments that have their own social media platforms. This was organised in order for larger departments to broadcast their own content, enhancing the College's presence online as well as allow for the departments to increase online activity and broadcast even more to the wider community. These social media handles can be found through typing in these links on your search engine, or going into the respective websites themselves and typing into the search bar, 'St Monica's College, Epping'.

SPORT:

www.instagram.com/smcepping.sport/
www.facebook.com/smc/smcepping.sport/

PERFORMING ARTS

www.facebook.com/smcepping.performingarts
<https://www.instagram.com/smcepping.performingarts/>

Another way to access St Monica's College, Epping online is through the educational publications the College is partnered with. The College has many digital profiles spanning across most education publications. Accessing the online digital profiles of St Monica's College, Epping can be done through typing in your search engine:

<https://catholicschoolsguide.com.au/victorian-featured-catholic-secondary-schools/st-monicas-college-epping-vic/>
www.goodschools.com.au/compare-schools/in-Epping-3076/st-monicas-college-epping
www.privateschoolsguide.com/st-monica-s-college-epping-vic

HARMONY WEEK

EVERYONE BELONGS



St Monica's College will celebrate Harmony Week this week, 15 – 19 March. Harmony Day is officially held on Sunday 21 March and Harmony Week is an opportunity to celebrate Australia's multicultural lifestyle. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians. It reminds us of the community that exists at SMC, of which we should be proud. Please check the daily bulletins for updates of each day's events as well as the Values noticeboards on DRC and DSC.

Happy Harmony Week to all.

CAREERS CORNER

La Trobe University is a popular destination for our graduating Year 12 students. Eighty of our 2020 graduates accepted offers to begin their tertiary studies at La Trobe University in 2021. Thirty-five of these 80 students received their offers through the Aspire Early Admissions Program.

With La Trobe being very popular amongst St Monica's students the following information will be very useful for our current Year 12 students. This information can also be found on the Year 12 resources page of our [Careers Website](#) along with other relevant Year 12 information.

La Trobe University information:

KEY EVENTS 2021:

Open Day

Sunday 1 August (TBC – confirmation to come)

Aspire Early Admissions Program

Aspire will be opening earlier again this year after the success of a record number of applications in 2020. The Applications will officially open for 2021 on Monday the 19 April.

Webinars:

Aspire Early Admissions Program

Tuesday 16 March at 5.00 pm

Build your study skills (hear from our Peer Learning Advisors about their study tips and tricks)

Tuesday 30 March at 4:30 pm

Aspire Early Admissions Program

Tuesday 13 April at 5.00 pm

Study at La Trobe Information Session

Tuesday 20 April at 4:30 pm

WEBINAR LINK

NEW – La Trobe University Diplomas

We now offer a range of new Diplomas from 2021. They will offer course credit (or advanced standing) for students who successfully complete the Diploma – allowing them to jump straight into the second year of an eligible Bachelor's degree. There's new Diplomas in arts, business, health, IT and science.

2021 Undergraduate Course Guide

Course guide is on its way and should be available in the Careers Centre from the beginning of Term 2. For the most up to date information, students can visit La Trobe's [Undergraduate Hub](#) for all course information, webinars and events.



SPORT

Last week's sport consisted of a Senior Cricket fixture against Emmanuel College, a Senior Netball fixture against Thomas Carr College and a Year 10 Premier League round against Emmanuel College.

First was Senior Netball, our girls looking to stay undefeated after three straight victories. Jade Minutoli once again starred in attack along with Monique Grima, as the girls blew Thomas Carr out of the water with a 41-24 win which has locked away a grand final berth for our Seniors.

Senior Cricket took place on Wednesday 10 March, our first home game of the season. Our boys decided to bat

first, and did not lose a wicket for the first 10 overs despite some good bowling from Emmanuel College. The boys finished the innings 7/62, with Emmanuel pouncing on their opportunities for wickets. Unfortunately, the boys could not defend the total as Emmanuel College chased it down in 11 overs finishing 1/65.

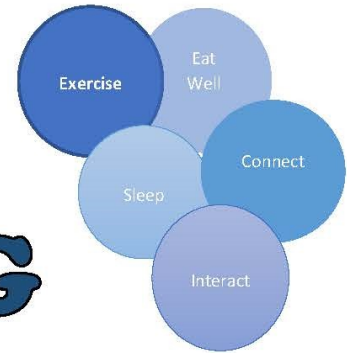
Premier League took place on Thursday, with another good round by the Year 10 students finishing the day with 6 wins and 2 losses.

Next week the Senior Cricket vs Penola, Senior Sports Day on Wednesday 17 March and Year 10 Premier League vs Salesian on Thursday 18 March.

St Monica's	VS	Emmanuel
66	Boys Basketball	11
69	Boys Basketball B	8
29	Girls Basketball	47
24	Netball	21
4	Boys Football	2
2	Girls Football	0
0 (19, 23 & 20)	Boys Volleyball	3
3	Girls Volleyball	0 (4, 17 & 13)

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WELLBEING



ECZEMA

What is Eczema?

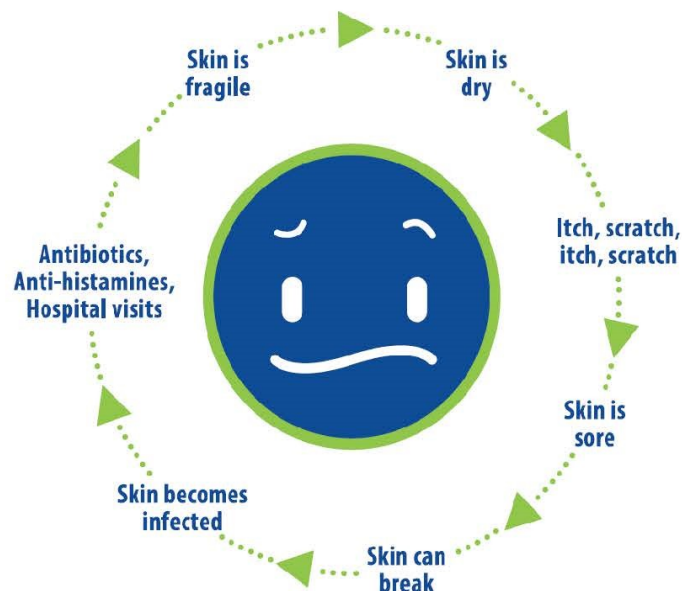
Eczema is an inflammatory condition of the skin. The most common form of eczema is atopic eczema and it mainly affects children but can continue into adulthood.

It is a chronic condition which means there is no cure and it will recur. The skin becomes itchy, red, dry and cracked. It can bleed and become infected.

People with atopic eczema often have other allergic conditions such as asthma or food allergies.

It is not contagious or due to poor hygiene.

The effects on eczema can affect learning and play.



Staff are encouraged to visit <https://www.eczemasupport.org.au/> for useful resources and support

Staff can also contact the school nurse for appropriate school management plans and action plans.

YEAR 7 PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 3



In the third week of Lent our Project Compassion story is about Olivia, a 22-year-old woman from Tanzania. She did not have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. As an adult, her business was losing money

because she could not add up her money and give the right change to customers.

Then Olivia enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Olivia has now graduated, attendance in her classes are growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election to help her community 'Be More.'

Fact of the week: Approximately 260 million children do not have the change to go to school. "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion.



The 2021 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery will be held on Thursday 20 May in The Gateway Room on Dalton Road Campus. Entries are now open for the 2021 Principal's Ribbon for Cookery. Emails regarding containing links to the entry form were sent out last week to students in Years 9 – 12. All students in those year levels are encouraged to enter, either individually, or as a pair. There is no theme for this year's event which will allow students more freedom and creativity however there are ideas for inspiration on the entry form. Entries close on 25 March and successful applicants will be notified before the Term 1 holidays.

Good luck to all applicants.

MARVELLOUS MONICANS



L-R Mrs Joan Leach, Dean Sandonato, Gabriel Bortoli, Bianca Petrolo, Mr Brian Hanley (Principal), Zoe Hatzindinas, Daniela Visaggio, Alanna Ciano, Sebastian Nandapi.

The above Year 7, 2020, wrote, edited and produced two books designed to provide valuable reading material which has been shipped off to our friends in Khipro, Pakistan. The two books contain material about the varied and wonderful place Australia is, whilst the other contains grammar related text on the English language parts of speech. Laminated worksheets were also created by the students to accompany the second book.

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