



Actions 'Speak' Louder Than *Intentions*



In this third and final article in the series, *Words, Thoughts & Actions*, we reach the pinnacle – our actions are what count, more important than that which we intend to do. The saying goes, 'Actions speak louder than words' (and thoughts too).

Saint Paul teaches us that love without actions is baseless. He so clearly states that we can say we love God, other people, our enemies etc, but if we do not act in a loving manner, then our words are sham and shallow. The doctrine of 'Justification by Faith Alone' has always been rejected by the Catholic Church. A person might piously and loudly proclaim the immense love they have for God, but that faith without actions is another example of hollow words and meaningless statement.



How we act is how and what we intend. An act of love reaches out to the person involved, who might be our family member, partner, best friend, fellow Monican or even our enemy (a clear living out of the commandment to love thy enemy). The act of compassion reveals our deep inner goodness and care for another person. The act of kindness is a great gift we both give and receive. The act of reaching out and welcoming in is a sure sign of a faithful and genuine Monican.

Yes, we shall encounter and we probably know people who blow their own trumpet metaphorically, proclaiming how loving and understanding they are, but when the chips are down and they might need to show that love and understanding, they disappear and flee. At times it will be a true challenge to act in a way that demands significant effort by us. It might be a feud with a neighbour, we might be a victim of deception, the act against us might have been unfair, treacherous, or criminal. The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls on the true believer to love even that person (whilst we despise their action).

Jesus told His followers to forgive endlessly (7x7x7x7....). King Cyrus the Great of Persia in ancient times showed his care and respect when he freed the Jews from their captivity and returned their land, their religion, their rights and more back to them. Saints are not made saintly because they say nice and proper things, they act with holiness. Children learn lessons by seeing what their elders do, not by listening to what they say. A Monican will witness and then copy the best behaviour rather than be told in words what is the appropriate way to behave.



A few phrases or commands to exemplify actions are 'Just do it', 'Show by example', 'Be aware and caring', 'Follow me', 'Let us tackle this together'. Some choice adjectives to describe the various forms of action include decisive, immediate, positive, thoughtful, sensible and strong. Some actions are obvious, some are discreet, others are held back until the right moment comes. The best actions are those when the intentions are noble, kind, appropriate, life-giving and equitable amongst all.

Words, thoughts and actions each relate to **intentions** and the greatest of these is action.

Finance Update

Finalising 2021 Tuition fees

Fee Accounts were emailed to all families and a copy sent via the post at the beginning of November 2021.

Please refer to your emails for fee statements and Tax Invoices; these are emailed at the beginning of each month.

Our Billing cycle has been extended until 26 November 2021.

All accounts are due and payable by this date unless you are on a payment plan and have requested an extension of time.

2022 Tuition fees and payment plan options

St Monica's College offers several payment options to enable parents to meet their fee obligations.

St Monica's College will continue to offer both Direct Debit and Credit Card payment options in 2022.

- a. Direct Debit Payment Plans (**Recommended**) – You can authorise the College to automatically debit an instalment amount from your nominated bank or credit card account on a Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly or Quarterly basis.

For all families that opt into a payment plan an additional extension to pay school fees until 9 December 2022 will apply.

Payment plans will be automatically entered into for those families on a plan in 2021. Should you wish to sign up for a plan, please return your application form either to fees@stmonicas-epping.com or in person to the College Reception at Augustine House (400 Dalton Road, Epping VIC 3076), this form has been emailed and mailed to you accordingly. Application forms for Direct Debit or Credit Card can now also be completed online using the link: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/payment-plan/>.

- b. At College Reception (Augustine House) – Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard

- c. Online Payments via the community portal (located in the Finance tab, Fees) or via Bpay

Please note: The annual Tuition Fee and General Levy invoice will be issued at the start of the school year and it is expected that it will be paid consistently throughout the year.

All tuition fees and levies are due and payable by Friday, 14 October 2022.

Tuition Fees have been announced for 2022 with no fee increases from 2021.

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

The tuition fee does not cover extra-curricular, optional subjects or activities. Additional charges may apply as required. These will be charged on a separate fee account.

All queries can be directed to the Fees Office on 9409 8800 or at fees@stmonicas-epping.com.

CAREERS CORNER

UNIVERSITY EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAMS

Attention Year 9 and 10 students!!!

An earlier edition of Careers Corner included an article about university early admissions programs. This was mainly for the benefit of Year 12 students. This article focusses more on Years 9&10 students.

Did you know that at some universities, you can apply for programs that enable you to receive an offer before your final Year 12 results are released?

These are called 'early admission' programs and they provide a way for universities to take into consideration factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses.

Some universities take into consideration your Year 11 results for university entry. This is very important to know for students starting Year 11 or advancing into Year 11 subjects.

Students with a successful early entry application may receive a 'conditional' or 'unconditional' offer.

Conditional offer

Means that you will need to meet additional criteria to receive an offer (e.g., a minimum ATAR).

Unconditional offer

Means as long as you complete Year 12 and achieve the course prerequisites, you will receive an offer (the ATAR will not be taken into consideration).

The Australian Catholic University (ACU Guarantee) is an example of a University that takes into consideration Year 11 results. La Trobe university (the Aspire program) takes into consideration your work in the community through volunteering and leadership activities that you might be involved in. Victoria University (VU Guaranteed) has a very simple application process.

We have many of our current Year 12 students who have guaranteed places at universities in 2022.

As you can see, entry into university is no longer just reliant on what happens in Year 12. Your application, involvement, and effort in earlier years, can also have a major impact on your university options.



If you would like more information about Business Connect, please contact Jordan Hodges at the Promotions and Events Department: J.Hodges@stmonicas-epping.com



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Library

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Let's check out which books both Students and Staff are enjoying at the moment?
Have you read either of these great titles?



Laurinda by Alice Pung

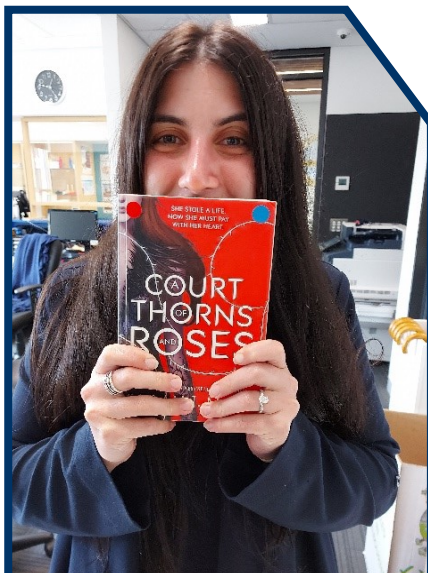
Genre: Social Issues

Review by Anna Ma, 9 Brown

Laurinda by Alice Pung, is truly an engaging read. It goes through the life of a girl named Lucy who struggles to find her place in society. She is a scholarship student and thus is different from the other wealthier kids at Laurinda. As she watches her world that was once black and white, suddenly crumble into different shades of grey, she realizes how truly corrupted the society at Laurinda is.

Lucy battles between understanding when to be accepted and when to confront the powerful – so that the weak are not cowering in fear. This story was an enjoyable read and I loved every part of it!

The most interesting part about this book was the fact that the main character was finally able to accept change, accept herself and find what really defines her. I also loved the fact that the main character was Teochew and it therefore became easier to understand parts where she mentioned Teochew words. I would rate this a 5/5 read! It was truly spectacular!



A Court of Thorns and Roses Series by Sarah J Maas

Genre: Fantasy

Review by Ms Sara Furlano (DRC Receptionist)

For months, all I had heard about was this series with hundreds of people telling me to read it. In protest, I refused because I hate it when others are forcing their reading opinions upon me! But as the series kept popping up on social media pages, I started to become intrigued and thought "maybe this is the universe giving me a sign!"

So, I picked up the first book in the series, and in less than 24 hours, I had devoured it! Over the next 72 hours I had completed the whole series and was keen to find more books by this superior author.

This series follows the main character of Feyre Archeron and how she is flung into the world of Fae when she accidentally kills the wrong wolf trying to feed her starving family. Each book flows into the next and is done so well that the reader does not feel confused. That is such a hard task to do as an author and Sarah nails it.

My favourite book has to be the second, A Court of Mist and Fury, but each book has a twist to the love story

set up in book one and every single book is unpredictable and the course the characters are on as they navigate the Fae world is constantly changing... and what a ride!

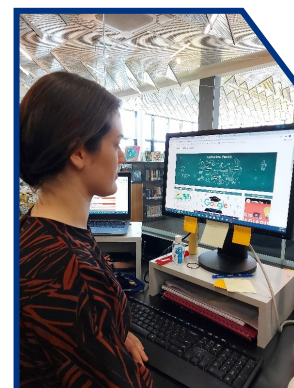
Do yourself a favour if you have not already, read this series as soon as you can! You will not regret it!

5/5 read and I cannot wait for more from this author!

The Wonder of LibGuides : the amazingly popular, easy to use knowledge sharing system, focussing on subject content

During remote learning, LibGuides on our SMC Library Portal were solely accessed from home with phenomenal results. Year 9 students accessed the English Opinion Persuasive LibGuide with a spike of 798 views that continued when we returned to on site learning. Year 7 HORIZONS used the Myths and Legends guide with 280 views from this class alone. Students have also been contacting the Library via email for help with further enquiries to help with research and have had the confidence to speak to staff members when needing assistance.

Our Library Faculty was extremely successful meeting the challenge to provide digital resources on request to help students via our electronic library and we will continue to build on these resources coming into 2022.



Our Librarian, Ms Stratton, works constantly to keep our LibGuides relevant and curriculum based.



AFL ACADEMY



WHAT IS IT?

The Australian Rules Football Academy (AFL) provides Monican students with an opportunity to grow and develop their AFL skills and be part of a proud team. Selected students are committed to the program whilst understanding the importance of good character. The Academy is inspired by the motto "Good footballers, Good people".

The Academy provides both males and females opportunities to participate, compete and develop their skills in AFL. The College is proud to give both girls and boys opportunities to represent the school at either Premier League and SACCSS competitions as well the newly introduced Gala Day Tournaments.

Our program is fortunate to have high class and highly motivated coaches. They provide valuable insight through their extensive experience within the AFLVic junior talented pathway system. Our coaches have created a program that is of the highest quality training within a fun and enjoyable environment.

The Academy is exploring new and exciting experiences such as local and interstate camps for selected squads soon.



KEY PERSONNEL

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DETAILS

The AFL Academy squads compete in the SACCSS competition and train before and after school throughout the year.

Above: Monicans representing their College in both male and female competitions



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Over the next couple of weeks (starting Friday 12 November till Wednesday 1 December) we are calling on our St Monica's College Community to donate to those in need. In collaboration with the St Vincent De Paul Society (Epping branch) we are calling on staff, students and friends to please give what they can.

As we know, this year, Christmas will be like no other for many families. After another year that no one saw coming, many families are without jobs and under increased financial stress, some for the first time in their lives. With more families facing uncertainty, no one knows what to expect for Christmas Day. Family feasts, presents and festive gatherings with loved ones will all look incredibly different for many people this year as we celebrate Christmas. But St Monica's and St Vincent De Paul are both committed to making Christmas a time to renew hope.

Baskets will be placed near Year Level Leaders' offices and in both staffrooms.



MUSIC LESSONS



Instrumental music enrolments are currently open for any students interested in starting lessons in 2022. Please complete the online enrolment form:

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

Lessons are available on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, french horn, tuba, violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, bass guitar, voice, piano and drum kit.

Current music students are not required to re-enrol.

Please contact the Music Office if you have any questions or would like to arrange a trial.



QR codes and visitors to schools

The College is continuing to work with MACS and rules that schools need to continue to implement as the pandemic changes. The following is information regarding vaccination status and entering school buildings.

QR codes and visitors to schools

The use of QR code check ins, verification of vaccination status and retention of relevant information apply at different times and apply to the following different types of attendees to your school:



- **Employees** – All persons employed by the school or by a diocesan education office including teachers, early childhood educators and educational support staff, etc.
- **Other Workers** – Any non-employee performing works on site who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff. This does not include delivery personnel
- **Visitors** – All persons attending site that are not performing work and do not fit one of the above two categories.

If a person must provide verification of their vaccination status and they refuse or do not meet the vaccination/exemption requirements, that person will be asked to leave site. This is a reasonable request and enables us to maintain our COVID Safe processes and safeguard the health and wellbeing of the school community.

Parents may enter school buildings but must provide proof of vaccination status. This includes at College Reception when paying fees. Attending either Dalton Road or Davisson Street receptions and if attending any events (in the future).

The College will continue to work with families, other visitors, contractors, and volunteers on all requirements regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Principal's Gift



More information regarding the Principal's Gift will be published in the next edition of The Monican.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Isabella Calthorpe is a very conscientious and hardworking student. She demonstrates a welcoming and positive personality, role modelling what it means to be Monican.

Since beginning at St Monica's College in 2019, Isabella has shone in various leadership positions. She has been an exceptional member of the Junior Student Council offering her views, knowledge, and expertise to aid College progress, as well as assisting her Homeroom teacher and Year Level Leaders as a Class Captain.

Isabella is an avid netball player currently playing at a high standard for Plenty Valley Comets while also representing St Monica's College and training with the College Talent Identification Program. Her College representation also extends into the Debating team where she has excelled.

Isabella has ambitions of working in law or psychology after her time at St Monica's and continues to maintain her focus in doing so. Isabella is deservedly a Marvellous Monican.

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