



YOU DESERVE A MEDAL

Medals are awarded frequently to acclaim the achievements of a person. Medals are prestigious items, and who would not value highly an Olympic Games Medal or a Medal for Meritorious Service to one's nation?

In 1991, the College Board of St Monica's College introduced College Medals under three categories. These are: St Monica's Medal (student, past or present); Polding Medal (past or present staff member or chaplain); and Samaritan Medal (past or present parent, friend or benefactor). A complete list of medal recipients appears on page 10 in the 2020 Student Planner.

Last year, the St Monica's Medal was presented to 2018 College Captain, Ms Primrose Gwitima. Primrose gracefully accepted the Medal at the Term 1 Assembly and her words would have inspired hundreds of Monicans gathered in the Hall that morning. On Friday, 13 December 2019, the Polding Medal was presented to Miss Paula Di Maria, our Deputy Principal and DSC Campus Director. Paula's words of thanks and appreciation were moving and very well expressed. On Thursday 20 February this year, I had the honor to present Mr Mario Bernardi, College Board Chairperson, with his second Commemorative Medal, the Samaritan Medal. Mario was awarded the St Monica's Medal in 2004.

Each of last year's recipients was truly pleased and quite overcome emotionally to receive a College Medal. Each is a distinguished Old Collegian of this great school. The College Board is of the opinion that it is appropriate and a pleasure to recognise the contributions and service of Monicans in ways such as a College Medal.



2019 St Monica's Medal recipient
Ms Primrose Gwitima with
the Principal, Mr Brian Hanley



2019 Polding Medal recipient
Miss Paula Di Maria with
the Principal, Mr Brian Hanley



2019 Samaritan Medal recipient
Mr Mario Bernardi with
the Principal, Mr Brian Hanley

Many times, we might think that we are not appreciated or that our efforts are not acknowledged. We might ask, "Where is my medal?" People living their daily lives do a lot of tasks that deserve a medal – caring for a child, a home, a pet; working hard at a job, in school or around the house; making sacrifices, volunteering, lending a helping hand.

Every day we encounter people (close to us and even strangers) whose acts of kindness are truly valued. We meet people whose commitment to their family or even a humanitarian organisation is constant and fundamental to the welfare of the family and the progress of the organisation. Yet, to common folk, seldom are medals awarded.

As we place gifts on the table at SMC in 2020, let us recognise that gifts come in all forms. I hope that members of this College community will understand that their efforts, contributions and deeds are appreciated, even if a medal is not forthcoming.

As I conclude these remarks, I thank all staff and students for the manner in which they have commenced the 2020 school year. There has been much goodwill, and many fine accomplishments have been seen already.

Ash Wednesday occurs on 26 February. Our College will move into this time of reflection prior to Easter in a serious and reverent way.

Brian E. Hanley
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2020 \$225

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, 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 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 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 one (**28 January, 2020**) or term two (**14 April, 2020**).

Closing Date:

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June, 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.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7 2021 — 2023

Please note that **2022** enrolments will close on **Friday, 21 August 2020.**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST



ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

INVITES YOU TO

International Women's Day Breakfast

Friday, 6 March 2020

7.00 am—8.30 am

**The Gateway Room
Dalton Road Campus**

Tickets \$25 per person

**\$5 from each ticket sold will be donated to the
Cancer Council of Victoria**

**Please RSVP to Glenda Hay
On 9401 6539
By
Friday, 21 February 2020**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Welcome to Scholastic Book Club for 2020. The first issue is now available. The ordering catalogues are delivered to Year 7 and Year 8 Home Room teachers, while Year 9 students wanting to place an order need to collect ordering brochures from the Pamela Coyle Library. The catalogues have age levels highlighted and they include great items for the whole family normally at reduced prices.

The first issue for 2020 is now available and it is well worth checking out, with plenty of book sets, old favourites and many new titles.

Enjoy checking out the Book Club catalogue and great reading in 2020.

Please contact Mrs Leonie Johnson (Pamela Coyne Library) for more details.



Mr Brian Hanley

*Principal of St Monica's College, Epping
cordially invites you to
the Blessing and Opening of the*

Learning & Teaching Building

*on
Sunday, 15 March 2020
at
2.30 p.m.*

*St Monica's College
Davisson Street Campus
16 Davisson Street, Epping*

*RSVP Monday, 2 March 2020 via
www.stmonicas-epping.com/rsvp*

MORNING TEA with the PRINCIPAL

Wednesday, 4 March 2020

The tour will commence from Augustine House
College Administration 9.30 am.

To make a booking online visit:

www.stmonicas-epping.com/mtwtp

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

'That's Crafty' *Staff and Parent Wellbeing Workshops*



We are so excited to be hosting a Staff and Parent Wellbeing Workshops this year.

This year's theme for the workshops will be "That's Crafty!"

There will be one session per term.

We begin our first "That's Crafty Workshops" with

"Stitch in time!"

Mrs Liz Italiano (teacher of Textiles) will demonstrate basic garment alterations, how to use a sewing machine and overlocker and how to shorten and hem a pair of pants, skirt or dress.

You may bring an item of clothing with you and learn how to alter the length of a hem or sew on a button. Alternatively, you can use a sample piece of fabric to practise with.

This free workshop will be held at Davisson Street Campus in Room R51 (Textiles Room) on Tuesday, 10 March from 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm.

Please RSVP Mrs Nella Grech on 9409 8800 by Tuesday, 3 March 2020.

RSVP now for this useful and time/money saving event. We would love to see you!

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day was a worldwide event that raised awareness regarding online safety and encouraged everyone to help create a better internet. We understand that young people are active in an online world. Unfortunately, when young people are online, whether it be through gaming, social media, shopping or other reasons, often they do not have the supervision of an adult. Therefore, it is crucial that when they are often online without supervision they have the tools and knowledge on how to respond, react or ask for help.

Raise awareness and allow for learning on how to exist safely online. Hopefully these conversations remain ongoing through their development. For further resources, please feel free to access the [eSafetyCommissioner](http://eSafetyCommissioner.gov.au) site.

CAREERS CORNER

Careers has had a busy start to the year, providing a welcoming place to assist a growing number of students with their enquiries. We have also welcomed new staff into the Careers Services Department, principally Mr Paul White joins us as the new Manager of Careers and welcome back Miss Taryn Kneebone.

Students are always welcome to discuss careers or pathways related enquiries with us: please drop in to the Careers Centre to say 'hello', peruse our job guides or make an appointment to see a Careers Counsellor. Appointments can also be made online (via the student portal). Want to know what we can help you with? Come to the Careers Centre for information on:

- Career and Pathway planning
- TAFE and University planning
- Work Experience
- Structured Workplace Learning
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Course Information
- Subject Information
- Resume Writing
- Employment Opportunities.

Additionally, an exciting and user friendly careers website will be up and running very soon. Stay tuned.

It is never too early to start planning for the exciting future that lies ahead for each and every Monican. Come to Careers soon – we would love to meet you!

LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday, 9 March 2020.

COMING EVENTS

26 February

3 March

11 - 12 March

Ash Wednesday

House Swimming Carnival

Year 7 Grandparents' Visits.

THE MONICAN

The first edition of The Monican will be sent to homes via the post on Tuesday, 12 March. Please enjoy the reading and photographs.

TERM 1 ASSEMBLY



2020 College Assembly



St Monica's Choir



Year 7 students College Pin presentation



MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Alice Xue, of Year 9, is being recognised as a Marvellous Monican for her musical achievements in the College. She was awarded the 2018 Encouragement Award at the Principal's Cup for Song in 2018 and then went on to win the Principal's Cup for Song the following year in 2019 singing "Nella Fantasia". As well as singing at St Monica's College Alice has entered competitions outside of school and been highly placed in these.

In addition to Alice's singing talent, academically Alice is a dedicated student who always strives to do her best. She is currently undertaking Chinese VCE outside of St Monica's College in addition to her Year 9 studies.

Around the Dalton Road Campus, Alice is always seen smiling and demonstrating respect for her peers and teachers. She is a great role model to others taking part in many co-curricular activities at St Monica's College, such as the Running Club, athletics club and cross country.

2020 STUDENT COUNCIL



James Golob



Gabrielle Godinho



Keziah Iozzo



Ramel Kunda



Adam Palombi



Alana Sloan



Brandon Krstevski



Brianna Papathanasiou



Christopher Jong



Grace McFarlane



Lynton Martin



Theodore Pham



Zoe Pappas



Nelson Tomatora



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