

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING Principal's Bulletin



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St Monica's College, Epping College Theme 2023

Let Your Light Shine Bright

God made the world so that love and joy might flourish and be shared between and amongst all His children on earth. Our College Theme for 2023, 'Let Your Light Shine Bright' calls us to be a school community where light shines brightly through the love which flourishes and the joy we share.

Love of God, love of neighbour, indeed love even of enemies according to Jesus, are each divine and human expressed in action together. We do well to love ourselves as children of God. To love another is to treat them as being worthy of love; to love each other is to do so in easy as well as in more challenging circumstances. See the awesome light of Monican love shine bright through all we do and all that we proclaim.

The greatest pleasure is to live in a spirit of joy, happy and at peace, free of the pain of loneliness or feelings of rejection. Joy is positive, good for our heart and healthy for our peace of mind. May the joyful light of being a Monican shine bright through all the ways we live as a school community.

In 2023, we shall be encouraged to understand that to live our life lovingly and joyfully takes time and calls for prayer and perseverance. Love does not always come easily or flow seamlessly. Love and joy are gifts to treasure. May we accept these gifts of love and joy and shine our light upon them.

We shall study what love is rather than treating it as another word for liking someone or something, seeking something that is only to our advantage, or proclaiming that we really love someone when instead we are neglectful of them. May our eyes be opened to this through the brightness of light.

Joy will not be defined as being pleased because we think we are better, smarter or more important than another. Instead, joy lives in positive relationships, kind actions, generous deeds, humility and happy moments. May we allow God to enlighten us to this understanding.

We shall discover ways to grow love in our heart through finding what Jesus meant when He said to 'Love one another' which is the greatest of commandments. What is Jesus's love and how do we nurture and develop it in our life as a child, and into teenage years? Love needs to touch us, then be welcomed by us, and then we shall marvel at its power and gentleness.

Joy can thrive in all parts of our being. In our minds, as we think happy thoughts; in our heart when the spirt resides there



and draws us towards others; in our hands, feet, mouth, ears and eyes as we look joyful, act joyfully and behave joyously.

In the Book of Genesis, God's first words were, 'Let there be light'. In the Gospel of Saint John, some of the first words therein are, 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.' Jesus names himself 'the light of the world' and he tells Nicodemus, 'The person who lives by the truth comes out into the light.'

This Theme will introduce Monicans to young saints, children, teenagers, and blessed people up to the age of twenty-one years. They will include Saint Jacinta and her brother, Saint Francisco, Saint Maria Goretti and Blessed Carlo Acutis, patron of computer programmers. They will come from all cultures, faiths and religions, poor and rich, ancient times and twenty-first century icons of love and joy. Love and joy shining bright will exclude no one, neither discriminate, reject, demean, nor hurt any person in this Monican community.

Monicans will be invited to open their eyes and their hearts to consider themselves beautiful and bright like a tree in full cherry blossom, a mountain glowing on its peak with a glorious sun rise, a sea rolling white waves onto the waiting seashore. We shall love our humanity. Through the popular saying, 'Bloom where you are planted' we shall be enlightened.

Our College Theme, 'Let Your Light Shine Bright' will leave us with loving and joyful messages to live out and carry forward throughout our life, whether it is long or brief.

Then Monicans will be the adults in society who lead by good example, reach out and welcome in, serve with pleasure and great willingness, shine light like the brightest stars of heaven and the glorious, splendid rays of the sun.

For many Monicans love will be a simple smile towards others that gives joy: it might be a hand offered or mind eased. Jesus will never abandon or walk away from us. He loves each Monican too much to do that.

In 2023, our Monican community will come to realise how much God loves the world, blesses it with love and joy, and invites us to shine our light brightly in answer to His call to love God and one another.

Brian E. Hanley OAM

B.A., Dip. Ed. Grad. Dip. Ed. Admin., M.Ed., MACE, FACEL College Principal

WELCOME TO 2023

I thank all parents who have either enrolled or reenrolled their child(ren) into SMC for a first class education. I commit the College to a year of achievement, safety and concern for all, and new and traditional College experiences.

Standards will be maintained in all areas of College life including behaviour, work ethic, deportment and wearing properly and proudly the College uniform, grooming for both boys and girls according to the regulations set out in the College Planner.

Parents, please involve yourself in the life of the College.

Mr B. E. Hanley OAM Principal

YEAR LEVEL LEADERS

Year 7 Level Leaders
Mr Damian Monaghan
Miss Sophie Ireland

Assistant: Mrs Natalie Ilsley

Year 8 Level Leaders
Ms Andrea Tran
Mr Andrew Rofo

Assistants: Mr Timothy Bengtsson-Evans

Miss Laine Hammond

Year 9 Level Leaders
Mrs Monica Maroulakos
Mr Daniel Rischitelli
Mrs Jane Green

Assistant: Mr Joshua Hanna

Year 10 Level Leaders Mrs Laura McKay Mr Geoffrey Worsnop

Year 11 Level Leaders
Ms Heather Newby
Mr Dion Hatherell

Assistant Miss Alyce Hinton

Year 12 Level Leaders Mr James Ketteridge Ms Nicole Morcom

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As we embark upon our academic school year at St Monica's College, Epping, I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all our new and existing Monican families. I look forward to working with parents, carers, and your children in my new role at the College, as Executive Deputy Principal.

I invite you to look out for my regular EDP feature in the Principal's Bulletin, to communicate with you about student management and wellbeing matters, College requirements and expectations, and at times to highlight significant upcoming College events. My role involves working closely with the College Principal, the new Campus Leaders and other staff charged with the responsibility of supporting your child/children, during their time with us at the College. I look forward to the year ahead with great optimism, as in partnership with you, we encourage Monicans to *Let Your Light Shine Bright*.

May love and joy, be great gifts for us to share and treasure in community during 2023, as we focus our efforts on being respectful and compassionate people of hope, committed to our own growth and the development of the young people in our care.



God made the world so that love and joy may flourish

Miss Di Maria Executive Deputy Principal

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Rev. Father Luciano Toldo — Custodian of Mission

Brian Hanley — Principal

Paula Di Maria — Executive Deputy Principal

Alison Pisani — Director of Operations

Damian Monaghan — Staff Representative

Mario Bernardi — Alumni Representative

Stella Cirrito — Parent Representative

Elizabeth James — Parent Representative

Stephen McMackin — Parent Representative

James Pougioukas — Student Representative

Joanne Depetro — Executive Secretary



As we commence a new school year at SMC, the Library campus Library for any of these, as well as via the Co-Services Faculty (LSF) would like to warmly welcome Curricular Portal. our new students and staff.

and take this opportunity to remind everyone that all do be sure to call into your library to peruse and borrow books borrowed at the end of 2022, are now due/due as soon as possible! back 10 February. Please be sure to take note of this date and follow up with a Library staff member if you have any concerns regarding their return.

There are a few "housekeeping" points for all to make note of.

Students should note that visiting the Library in class time is permitted providing their planner is filled in and signed by the class teacher at the time. Students will be sent back to class if this has not been done correctly.

All loans are a 2 week loan period and it is the student's responsibility (not the Homeroom or English Teacher's!) to make sure that their books are returned by the due date stamped in the back of each book. Please be sure to check this date each time you borrow.

The LSF is very fortunate to offer our students a number of wonderful Co-curricular activities

At SJQ, "Beyond the Book" is running fortnightly for our book lovers and excitingly, PCL now has five groups students to choose from! "Books Beyond" (formerly Reading Club) Library Monitors Club, Writers Club and the newly formed Journaling Club, as well as still running the Premiers Reading Challenge. Students are very welcome to sign up at their

Finally, we have a great selection of new books for our We also welcome back our returning students and staff students' leisure reading in both Libraries, so students,





IMPORTANT DATES Term 1

February

- Year 7 Orientation Day
- Year 12 Students Commence Year 7 Students Commence Year 8 Transition Day
- Year 9 11 Students Commence All Classes Commence
- Academic Honors Evening
- Term 1 College Assembly Year 7 Music Information Evening
- DSC Photographs
- **DRC** Photographs Ash Wednesday

- Year 7 Parent Night 2023 (Settling into St Monica's)
- **HORIZONS Entrance Exam**
- House Athletics
- 13 Labor Day (Public Holiday)
- 17 Trivia Night
- 21 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2.8 Years 4 – 6 Information Evening
- 30 Parent Teacher Conferences

April

- 3 College Mass
- House Cross Country
- 6 Staff Professional Learning Day (Student Free) Term 1 Concludes



We welcome all students and parents to the 2023 school year.

I am pleased to provide you with important information regarding the Tuition Fees and General Levy for this year.

Tuition Fees Accounts, 2023

2023 Tax Invoices 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. If you have not received your 2023 Tax Invoice, please contact the Fees Office so that we can update your information.

Please note that fee payments are to commence immediately.

Our Billing cycle is from 17 February to 13 October, 2023. If you are on a school administered payment plan, these dates are not applicable as a further extension until 8 December, 2023 applies.

Payment Options

The College offers a number of payment options to enable parents to meet their fee obligations as follows:

- a) At reception (Augustine House) Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card
- b) Online Payments via the community (fee) portal, or via BPAY
- c) Direct Debit Payment Plan (weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly) for parents that would like to enter into a Payment Plan option will have a further extension to pay up to 8 December 2023 and have not completed the necessary authorisation forms, please contact our Finance office to arrange, together with all other queries.

Year Level	Tuition Fee	General Levy	Total
7	\$7090.00	\$600.00	\$7690.00
8	\$7200.00	\$600.00	\$7800.00
9	\$7420.00	\$600.00	\$8020.00
10	\$7640.00	\$600.00	\$8240.00
11	\$7920.00	\$600.00	\$8520.00
12	\$8250.00	\$600.00	\$8850.00

Financial assistance for Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2023 \$225.00

School camps 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 2023 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2023 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2022
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023.

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 (30 January, 2023) or term two (24 April, 2023).

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 23 June, 2023 for eligibility. For more information about the CSEF visit www.educationvic.gov.au/csef

All queries are to be directed to the Fees Office on 9409 8800 or <u>fees@stmonicas-epping.com</u>.

We look forward to working together throughout 2023.



Business Connect has now been operational for over three years with many contributors, all of whom have strong Monican connection. Anyone that shares a current or past connection to the College (alumnus, parent, student, staff) and owns a business or who works within a sector that may be beneficial to the Monican community, is encouraged to reach out and be part of Business Connect.

Business Connect aims to connect potential clients to the people/business associated with our initiative. We constantly recommend businesses associated with us to the wider community through our website, social media and any other advertising medium that is appropriate.

St Monica's College, Epping has been a well-respected educational institution since our foundation in 1964. Being one of the first Catholic secondary schools in the northern suburbs, we are a trusted voice in the local community and we want to grow this through our community work with Business Connect.

We have a digital directory on our website, allowing the Monican community to browse and contact our connections based on their needs. The College also has a newsletter entitled, the Principal's Bulletin that showcases new and existing businesses.

To partner with the College is free. Our aim is to grow our Monican Business Community in 2023 and connect in different ways throughout the year.

If you would like to register or have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact Mrs Alison Pisani (a.pisani@stmonicas-epping.com) or Mr Emad Attie (e.attie@stmonicas-epping.com).





We welcome Miss Kneebone and Ms Papa back as Careers Practitioners after taking leave. We also welcome Miss Parisi in the administrative assistant role, as she replaces Mrs Martin who will be taking leave. Our 3 "new" staff, as well as Mr Stehn, Mrs Maloney and Mr White look forward to working with both DRC and DSC students to assist them as they explore the many career pathways options available to them.

For the first 2 weeks of the year, Year 12 students are required to attend a Goal Setting meeting with a careers staff member to discuss their goals and possible career pathway options. Last year's Year 12 students responded well to the interviews, and we found that many of them were then eager to make careers appointments to find out more about the career possibilities available to them.

We look forward to a year that will provide many opportunities for students at both DRC and DSC to explore the world of work. The pathways to work may be through vocational education which typically entails more hands-on and experiential work. It may/should also involve experiencing the workplace while still a school student and then moving on to TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship, or employment.

The pathway to work may also be an academic pathway which would typically mean university study before gaining the qualification(s) required to enter specific professions. The requirements to access tertiary study options are often changing, so it pays to keep up to date with the latest information. Students are encouraged to attend seminars, workshops, information sessions, universities, careers appointments, to ensure they have relevant and reliable information to assist good decision making. Many of these information gathering opportunities will be provided to students throughout 2023.

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is a requirement for students who undertake the VCE VM course in their senior years. SWL would typically be done in the area of a student's VET study. SWL is also "strongly recommended" for all VET students in the VCE program. It is a little more difficult to organise, but we continue to encourage VCE students to undertake a SWL. Other work opportunities which we are happy to facilitate include work experience and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATS) if appropriate.

Careers staff are excited to have more access to curriculum time to allow us to deliver valuable career education. We also have more incursions and excursion planned that students will be given an opportunity to attend.

Be sure to access the Careers Newsletter each fortnight. Don't miss out on all the advertised part time job opportunities, the STEM corner, the 'job spotlight', university updates, upcoming events information, etc.

Need careers information, make an appointment. Not sure how to make an appointment, drop into the careers centre and we will do it for you.

2023 STUDENT COUNCIL



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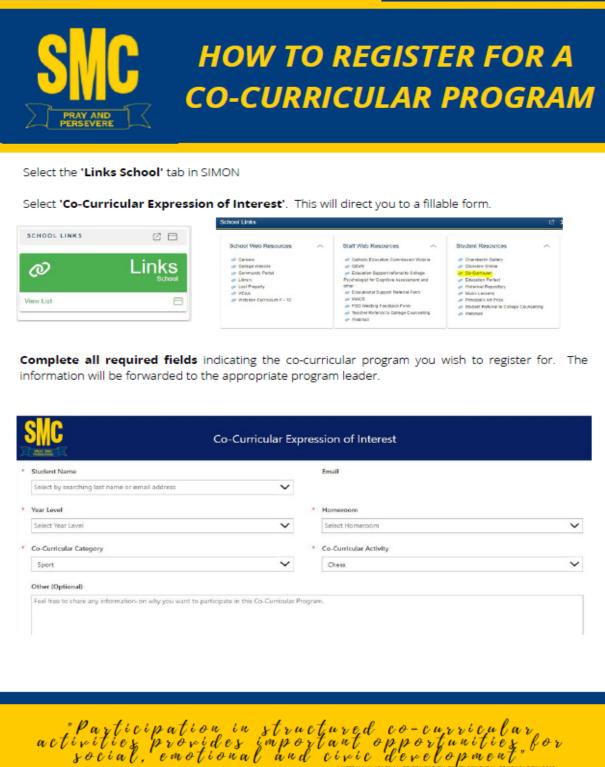
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World of Sport



The Sport Department have been busy planning for the commencement of the School year. Senior Cricket and Senior Netball Round 1 matches start in Week 2, along with Premier League for Year 10. For new students, tryouts for Year 7 teams and other new students will commence in Week 3. Please register your interest via SIMON or see the Sport Department's social media pages for more information.



St Monica's College, Epping Enrol Now for Year 7, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

If you have a child presently in Grade 6 and have not yet enrolled into St Monica's College for Year 7, 2024 please do so immediately as places are limited.

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2025 are now open and will close on Friday 18 August, 2023.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply. Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.









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 You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
 Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

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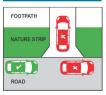












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At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstructraffic.

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Parish Primary School

> FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023 10AM IN THE SACRED SPACE

47 FARMHOUSE BLVD, EPPING NORTH

RSVP 10/2/2023 reception@smcmeppingnth.catholic.edu.au

Morning Tea to Follow

Your Free Parent Support Webinar Series

Dear Parents,

RE: Upcoming webinar for parents – How to Help Get (& Keep!) Your Child Motivated

On the 15th February Elevate Education will be hosting its first free webinar of the year for parents.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Wednesday 15th February

How to Help Get (& Keep!) Your Child Motivated

Click here to register for free

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- What impact does praise and reassurance have on your child's motivation?
- What are the best types of goals to be setting with your child?
- ✓ How can you help your child create meaningful and lasting motivation?

We hope to see you there!

Click here to register for free







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3 February 2023

Circular to principals of Catholic schools in Victoria

Actions to prevent mosquito-borne diseases

Main Points

- Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from their bites. The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito hites
- There is an increased risk of mosquito-borne diseases in Victoria this season due to the recent flooding events in northern parts of the state and ongoing environmental conditions that support mosquito breeding.
- Mosquito-borne diseases that can occur in Victoria include Japanese encephalitis and Murray Valley encephalitis. These rare but potentially serious infections of the brain can cause neurological complications and death.
- The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) has worked with the departments of Health and Education to develop <u>health advice</u> that outlines the key steps schools are asked to take to protect against mosquito bites.

Actions Required

Schools are encouraged to follow the CECV <u>health advice</u>, and share the <u>template newsletter</u> content with parents and carers.

Contact/Enquiries

• For all enquiries, please contact Mr Prakash Rao, Emergency Management Officer, at Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) on 03 9267 0228 or prao@macs.vic.edu.au.

Jim Miles

Executive Director

COCURRICULAR ACTIVIES 2023 OPTIONS

ncipal's	001	Principal's Art Prize	STEM		Astrophotography New
ards	002	Principal's Cup for Song			Coding
	003				eLearning Ambassadors
	004			071	Jewellery Club Problem Solvers New
	005				Robotics
		Principal's Trophy for Technology			Science Club
	007	Principal's Award for Public Speaking			Sewing Club
Music	008	Brass Ensemble			Solar Vehicle Challenge
Music		Concert Band			STEM 4 Girls
	010	Dalton Road Choir			STEM Makers
	011	Drum Ensemble			STEM Talks New
	012	Flute Ensemble		080	VEX robots
	013	Guitar Ensemble	ا جانسمانسماد	081	Debating
	014	Jazz Combo	Academic		Ethics Olympiad
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	017	Junior String Ensemble			Mathematics Olympiad
	018	Male Vocal Ensemble			Moot Court New
	019	Saxophone Ensemble			Physics Olympiad
	020	Senior Rock Band			Poetry Slam
	021	Senior String Ensemble			Politics Club
		Senior Vocal Ensemble			Public Speaking
	023	SMC Singers			Student Parliament New Tournament of Minds
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Sports	026	AFL 9s	Sustainability		Enviromemt Team
	027	Athlete Development Program (ADP)		094	Farm to Fork New
		Athletics Academy			Gardening Gurus New
	029				Paddock to Plate New
		Basketball Academy			Resource Smart New
	031	Chess			SMC Conservationists New Wetland Rangers New
	032	Cricket		099	Wetland Rangers New
		Cross Country	Word, Book & Film	100	Book Club New
	035	Esports Fast 5 Netball	Control of the Contro		DSC Beyond the Book
		Floorball			Film ClubNew
	037			103	Journaling Club New
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	039	Hockey		105	Premier's Reading Challeng
	040	Indoor Cricket		106	Readers and Writers
	041	Netball Academy	1	107	Student Newsletter New
		Northern Football Academy	Student Voice	108	
		Swimming Table Tennis		109	Junior School Council
	045	Tennis Academy		110	Senior School Council
	046	Volleyball			
			Other	111	Anime Club
he Arts	047	ART Club (DRC)		112	Archives Student Committe
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		Back Stage Crew		114 115	Be More Board GamersNew
		College Musical Production		116	Boys' Fitness New
	051	Dance Academy New Dance Showcase		117	Card Making New
		Design Club New		118	Cookie Club New
	054	Photography			Girls' Fitness New
		Sculpture Club			Pokémon
	056	Shakespeare Production New		121	Social Gaming
	057	SMC Cheer New			St John Youth Division
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