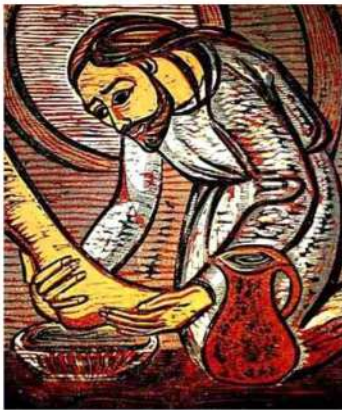




SERVICE LONG AND LOYAL



Many of us have freely and happily given long and loyal service to a particular organization, institution, company, or even family or friend, and for this we ought to be very proud.

Service is a Christian act embraced by people of all faiths and traditions. It is more than just goodwill. We give of ourselves (skills and talents), time, physical or mental effort, and we demonstrate a commitment to that or whom we serve.

People serve their families with love, parents for their children in their infancy until they are thriving and happy adults; children to their parents, made more special as the parent ages; brothers and sisters together; and one can reel off so many more family members. Sometimes it requires a lot of perseverance to serve faithfully and reliably. There might be more preferable tasks to perform at times. Yet that commitment to serve remains.

Lots of folk serve the job they do, be it to the one employer, or to a range of bosses and companies. We often read stories of faithful labourers who have worked for the same employer in a particular industry and they seem never to have resented the time and effort. They have actually enjoyed the experience. Family companies often only survive because family members work there for a pittance. Many people are gifted in their craft and their continuous employment in the company is essential to its reputation and custom.

Service given freely is a blessing. The perfect model is Jesus, Son of God, who sacrificed His life for our eternal salvation. He has been called the Suffering Servant, he demonstrated and gave service as he humbly washed the feet of the disciples, Jesus's service was paramount as He hung upon the Cross for our sake. The service of particular people is driven with religious fervour as they seek to follow in the footsteps of the Lord. It is an unspoken act of prayer, thanks, sacrifice, or even repentance at times.

We all recognise community members who are renowned for their service to others. This includes volunteers who sell badges for fundraising, prepare food for the hungry, visit prisoners in gaol, clean our churches, and share the load with someone in need. Many belong to organizations such as Vinnies whilst others quietly go about their giving of service without ever making a fuss about it.

Quite likely it is in time of service, Monicans, that we 'let our light shine bright' the most. This involves self-giving, humility, kindness and compassion, understanding, respect for those most in need. Then our light is our goodness; our actions are alight; our perseverance is the Monican light of being a very good human who actually sees, cares and acts.

May God bless all those who serve long and loyal. Amen.

Brian E. Hanley OAM

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Conduct

The College has and shall continue to, uphold a high standing within the local community and beyond. When we talk about the reputation of any College, that is largely in specific reference to its people. All students and staff that wear the St Monica's College pin, uniform, or staff apparel, are immediately identified as a valued member of our proud Monican community and traditions.

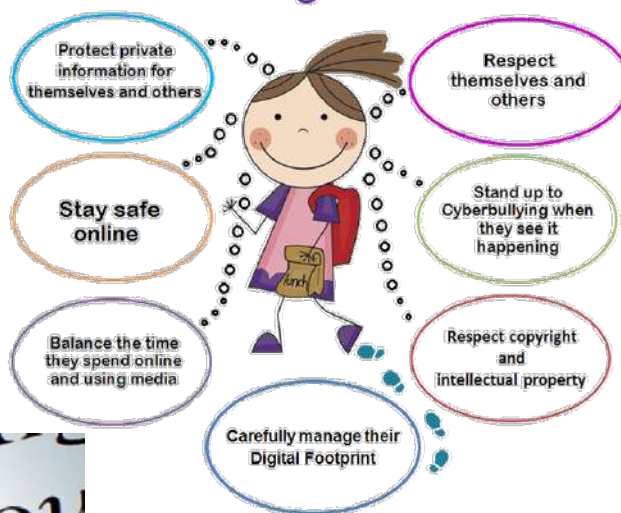
We often hear recounts from staff who are stopped by retail assistants or others in the community, on their travels to or from work, wearing their College lanyard or other identifying items, and many go on to relay anecdotes of knowing someone associated with the College or indeed, of being an alumna themselves. This is always a great thing to hear, especially if the association is made with fondness due to positive prior experiences or interactions, with members of the College community.

Unfortunately, at times, such recounts can also include negative commentary about observations made when our students are not representing themselves, their school, or their families appropriately. It is important to remember that our College reputation, is precisely that – ours. We, staff, students, and families are collectively responsible for how we are considered in the wider community. The language we use and how we interact, the way we present ourselves and the actions we take or fail to enact, are all under the watchful eyes of potential employers, leaders, transport operators, authorities, shopping centre management staff, prospective new families for the College, and many, many others. Our online conduct is equally important in this digital age where a footprint remains long after a heated comment or inappropriate message has been posted.

As members of the St Monica's College, Epping community, we must ensure that the expectations and high standards required of us during the normal course of the school day, are also adhered to before and after school when we are representing our school beyond the gates, unquestionably identified with the pin, uniform, and cross that unite us and that we proudly wear as members of our Monican community.

Miss P Di Maria
Executive Deputy Principal

All Good Digital Citizens:

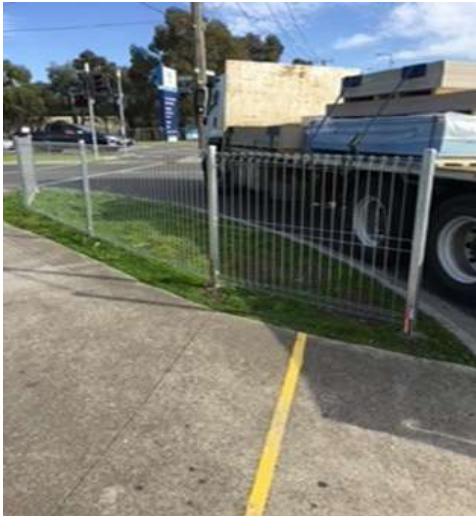


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Student Movement to and from the College

We encourage parents and guardians to engage in conversations with their children about safe and responsible movement to and from the College.

As a College, we work closely with local authorities to support the needs and address the behavior of our students. To protect the safety of young people, the Whittlesea Council has recently installed a metal barrier at the corner of Dalton Road and Cooper Street. This is due to the heavy pedestrian traffic crossing here in the morning and afternoons. The barrier is designed to ensure students are able to safely cross the road on their way to and from school. Further to this, our students that catch public transport home are encouraged to move safely from College grounds to Epping Station, ensuring they follow direction of crossing supervisors.



We take this opportunity to remind all members of our community that traveling on public transport without a valid MYKI card is not permitted. We have received the following correspondence from Metro Trains:



Dear Parents and Students,

A recent survey of the morning peak passengers exiting Epping Railway Station found that the vast majority of St Monica's College students were not in possession of valid MYKI tickets. We kindly remind you that it is an offence to travel without a valid MYKI ticket and encourage all students to ensure they are in possession of a valid MYKI ticket when using Public Transport.

If found without a valid MYKI ticket students may face penalties of up to \$277.

Thank you for your co-operation, it is greatly appreciated,
Community Education Team

Ms A Xerri
DRC Campus Leader

Miss N Meade
DSC Campus Leader

As part of the College's 2022-2025 Reconciliation Action Plan, the College has committed to raising funds for the Open the Doors foundation. The foundation supports First Nations children access educational opportunities by providing financial support for basic school supplies such as textbooks, uniforms and stationery. Members of our College community can learn more about the foundation's work and make a donation by accessing this link <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice





June Statements

Tuition Fee Account Statements were emailed to all families on Monday, 5 June 2023. If you did not receive a copy of this statement, please contact our Fees Office at 9409-8800.

Additional Charges invoices/ statements for extra-curricular activities were emailed to relevant families on Wednesday, 1 June 2023. Extra-curricular activities do not appear on your Tuition Account Statement, these charges are billed via a separate Tax Invoice as and when they fall due, and different terms and conditions apply.

To view a copy of these statements or prior statements, you can find record of these on the Community Portal. You can access the Community Portal to make your deposit payment using the following steps:

1. Go to the St Monica's College website.
2. Choose the MY SMC tab.
3. Choose "Community Portal" link and enter your username and password:
4. Select the Finance Tab.
5. From the drop-down box, choose to view your Tuition or your Additional Charges history.
6. Select the PDF icon to download file.

Tips to Stay on top of your School Fees

Staying on top of Tuition fees is essential to ensure a smooth academic journey, it can however feel daunting at times.

Please find some tips & tricks to making this journey as seamless as possible:

- Sign up for a school administered payment plan: Your payment plan will be opted into for future years until your child graduates and fees are finalised. You have the choice to sign up for a quarterly, monthly, fortnightly, or weekly plan. You are able to opt out of a payment plan at any time
- Make note of Deadlines: Tuition Fees payments are due and payable in four equal instalments by the second week of each term. Should you opt to pay more frequent instalments, this is welcome. Note, if you have not paid a second instalment on your tuition fees account, this is now considered overdue
- Keep up to date: Most correspondence is sent via email so please ensure that you check your email regularly for communication as well as the latest Principal's Bulletins.

Most importantly the Fees office is here to assist you in any way we can, please do not hesitate to reach out to talk to one of our knowledgeable staff.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2023 \$225.00

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The CSEF will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational, and fun activities. 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 card, 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 is \$225 for secondary school students.

To apply, contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and lodge together with a copy of your valid concession card. 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

CSEF applications can be lodged at Augustine House, Dalton Road Campus on or before 23 June, 2023 for eligibility as no late applications will be accepted by DEET after this date. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. For any further queries please contact Miss Andrea Moon 9409 8800 in the Fees office or fees@stmonicas-epping.com

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Subject Selection

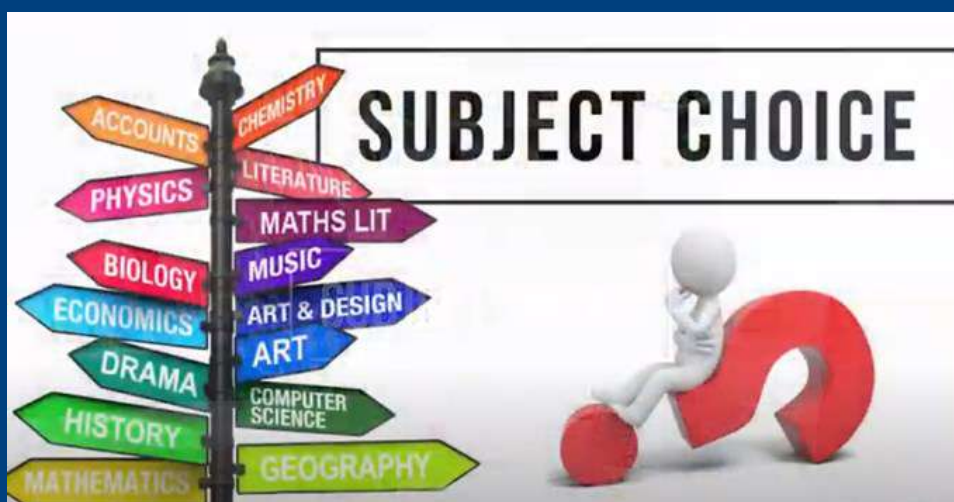
Early next term Year 9 students will be selecting their subjects for Year 10. They will receive quite a lot of information about this at the start of the term. They will also undertake some classes about subject selection when they have their pastoral lessons. In general students should choose subjects that they currently enjoy and which they are good at. Students should also consider whether they need certain subjects for their envisaged career pathway, too. The biggest decision most students will face is regarding which Maths subject they choose and which Science subject (s) they choose. Only those who study Maths A or above in Year 10 will be able to study Methods and/or Specialist in their VCE. Maths A is therefore called a “prerequisite” for Methods and Specialist. Only those students who study Physical Science in Year 10 satisfy the prerequisite to study Physics and/or Chemistry in VCE, for example.

DSC

Subject Selection

In early term three, Year 10 students (and Year 9’s) will also choose their subjects for next year – the beginning of their VCE. These students should choose subjects they enjoy and are good at, mindful of any prerequisites for tertiary-level courses.

Both the Year 9 and 10 cohorts will be shown how to research prerequisites for university courses using a website called, [Course Seeker](#) to help them with this aspect. They will be reminded that the idea of choosing subjects such as Maths Specialist or Physics in the belief that they get “scaled up” and will lead to a higher ATAR is false. In fact, this “strategy” is very likely to lead to a lower overall ATAR if the subject doesn’t match the student’s abilities and interests. Instead, students should choose subjects that they enjoy and for which they have shown ability.



Welcome to the LIBRARY



Ben Hutchings' Drawing Workshops

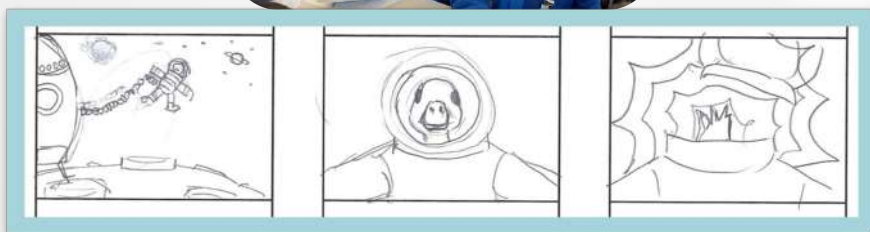


With over 20 years' experience as an Illustrator and Writer, the Library Services Faculty was delighted to welcome Ben Hutchings recently to facilitate a Drawing Workshops at the PCL.

As both a published and self-published writer and illustrator, Ben certainly engaged our students with his explanation of the many stages required to produce comic books, story books, as well as textbooks, for which he has illustrated.

The students were then given the opportunity to try their skills as he mingled and offered advice and suggestions.

The session was very well attended by students and staff and as you can see, we have a number of budding illustrators in our midst!



Year 9 Textiles Display

Pamela Coyne Library has been excited to showcase the wonderful work of the Year 9 Textile classes, under the guidance of Mrs E Italiano.

The students have been working diligently using complex techniques to make a beautiful variety of bags.



Techniques used were:

- Beading
- Laser cutting
- Pocket construction
- Buttons/buttonholes
- Applique
- Zipper insertion
- Embroidery
- Patchwork.

These beautiful bags are currently on display and are of great interest to both students and staff here on DRC.

Congratulations Year 9 Textile students and Mrs E Italiano!

EXPLORE *The World* CALLING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Are you looking for a meaningful way to open your hearts and homes to a new experience? Look no further than hosting a Japanese or French student as part of the College's homestay programs.

St Monica's College will host students from Japan & France in 2024.

By welcoming a foreign student into your home, you will not only gain a new family member, but also the opportunity to learn about a new culture. You too will have the opportunity to share your culture, values, and traditions with someone from another part of the world. Hosting an exchange student is a chance to learn and grow together, to create memories that will last a lifetime, and to forge a connection that transcends borders.

The College remains grateful to the many families who have already nominated to host a student.

There are limited places remaining.

Host families will be given first preference to travel to France and Japan for the reciprocal visit in 2024.

All host families will be guided and supported by the College as part of this exciting experience.

<i>Host dates</i>		<i>Japan</i>	<i>16 March - 27 March</i>
		<i>France</i>	<i>2 March - 15 March</i>

Families who host a student will be offered a small subsidy towards the costs of their child taking part in the reciprocal visit. This is to thank and recognise the contribution and support of families in our homestay programs.

<i>Travel Dates</i>		<i>Japan</i>	<i>14 September - 25 September</i>
		<i>France</i>	<i>26 September - 13 October</i>



**REGISTER
INTEREST**

Mrs Enza Sinopoli
International Perspectives Assistant
03 9409 8800
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**Parent Information
Night**

Monday 19 June
The Sacred Heart
Building @ DSC, 7pm.

RSVP essential



STEM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATHEMATICS

Celebrating the Success of Our Year 7 DigiSTEM Students in the Pedometer Project



Our Year 7 DigiSTEM students have recently demonstrated their impressive knowledge and skills in the exciting pedometer project. These enthusiastic students have not only showcased their understanding of step counters but also applied this knowledge to real-world scenarios, proving their abilities in the realm of STEM.

In STEM Leader, Mr Bagh's class, our students exhibited a firm grasp of the pedometer's functionality. They provided detailed definitions and even delved into the distinction between a step and a stride when calculating walking distance. Their understanding extended to the application of formulas for steps, stride, and speed, impressively employing these concepts in practical situations.

Students, Jamie Vogdanis and Aarav Kamboj effectively explained the difference between mass and weight and skilfully applied the kinetic energy calculation to a real-world scenario their understanding of this scientific concept was truly commendable.

Jamie shared his experiences working on the project, highlighting valuable lessons in problem-solving, speed units, and self-reliance. He also discussed how the project incorporated mathematics, working with graphs and speed calculations based on distance and time. Additionally, all students gained knowledge in Digital Technologies, developing programming algorithms and coding to accurately measure speed and distance. They collected and presented accurate data using an Excel spreadsheet and recorded their observations and produced a graph, demonstrating their commitment to scientific integrity.

Mr McQuade, Faculty Leader, Digital Technologies noted that "students embraced the opportunity to apply their learning and discover the connections between Science, Digital Technologies and Mathematics".

Overall, our Year 7 STEM students have truly embraced the pedometer project, their impressive understanding, skills, and attention to detail are commendable. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their future endeavours in the captivating world of STEM. Well done, Year 7!

Mr S Kalantzis
Senior STEM Educator





Please be advised that due to a security feature known as Conditional Access, it is important that parents notify the IT Department if you are planning to go on holiday and travel outside of Australia, if your child requires access to College IT resources whilst overseas (e.g. Email, OneDrive).

Access within Australia remains unaffected.

Conditional Access prevents unauthorised people from making attempts to gain access to the account from outside of Australia. For example, a potential hacker from a rogue nation state.

If your child requires access whilst overseas, please notify the IT Department of your travel plans via the ITSupport@stmonicas-epping.com to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that you have access to the resources you need while you are away.

TERM HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the College will be opened Monday, 26 June until Friday 7 July. Operating hours are 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Monday, 10 July is a Staff Professional Learning Day—Student Free.

The Debaters Association of Victoria Schools — Debating Competition

The third round of The Debaters Association of Victoria schools debating competition commenced at Loyola College on Monday, 29 May. Only three teams competed across C and D as A and B grades were cancelled. However SMC enjoyed three solid wins on the night. The results were:

A Grade

Debate cancelled due to a lack of adjudicators.

B Grade

Debate cancelled due to a lack of adjudicators.

C Grade

Topic: *That robotics classes should be compulsory in every year of high school*

SMC 1 affirmative 227 defeated Ivanhoe Grammar School 2 negative 223 (Best speaker Niko Shibata)

D Grade

Topic: *That the Government should prioritise funding the arts over sports*

SMC 1 affirmative 225 defeated Assumption College 2 224

SMC 2 affirmative 224 defeated Parade College 2 222

(Best speakers Andrea Robinson & Neha Palatty)

Next round of debating is scheduled for Tuesday, 13 June.



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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.





World

VCC Year 8 Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 8 Boys and Girls Basketball teams on collectively winning the Victorian College Championship (VCC) Basketball Grand Finals at Nunawading Basketball Centre.

Our Girls went undefeated all day going 5-0. Our Boys Gold team came away with 4 wins and 1 loss and the Boys Blue team had 4 wins and 1 draw.

Well done to all the teams involved and their coaches Miss Bodley, Mr Page, Mr Howden and Mr Dorge. Congratulations to all three teams who have progressed to the Elite 8 Finals 🏀🏆



of Sport



**Junior Girls
AFL Gala Day Results**

Round 1 vs MacKillop:
4.024 defeated 0.00

Round 2 vs Penola:
1.17 defeated by 128

Round 3 vs Salesian:
0.00 defeated by 7143

Round 4 vs CRC North Kilor:
3.119 defeated 0.00



**Year 7 Premier
League Rd 7**

Girls Football vs Emmanuel: 8-0

Boys Football vs Emmanuel: 0-0

Girls Basketball vs Emmanuel: 19-48

Boys Basketball vs Emmanuel: 58-56

Girls Volleyball vs Emmanuel: 1-2

Boys Volleyball vs Emmanuel: 3-0

AFL vs Emmanuel: 76:48 - 42:26

Netball vs Emmanuel: 13-12



Music Notes

MONICANS IN MAY

The Monicans In May music concert was held on Tuesday, 9 May in the Theatre of All Nations. The evening showcased the achievements of our 16 music ensembles over the past semester. Over 100 students performed in the event, ranging from students who performed for the first time in Junior Band and Junior String Ensemble to senior students who demonstrated their high level of musicianship.

The performances were greatly enjoyed by the large audience in attendance and student musicians found the experience to be extremely valuable as they work towards other performance opportunities later in the year.

Congratulations to all students who performed at the concert and many thanks are extended to College Music staff for their support of the students.





Dance Showcase

If you would like more information about Business Connect, please contact the Promotions and Events Office
promotions@stmonicas-epping.com



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MARVELLOUS MONICAN

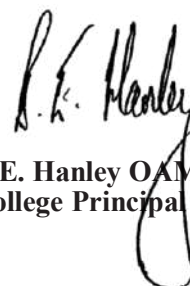


Sheriz Moreno began her Monican life in 2021. Since then she has made great friends and taken up many opportunities to thrive within the community.

Sheriz is an avid musician participating in all things involving performance and music. This includes SMC Singers, Junior Rock Band (where she plays the drums) and most notably she will have a leading role in this year's College production, Rock of Ages.

Sheriz is an excellent leader. She puts her leadership skills to work as the Music Vice Captain on Dalton Road Campus and as the Class Captain of her homeroom.

Most important of all, Sheriz is a courteous, friendly and caring individual who is well respected by her peers and staff. Therefore, she is this edition's Marvellous Monican."



B.E. Hanley OAM
 College Principal