



GIFTS on the TABLE COLLEGE THEME, 2020

the family members, executive tables where major decisions are taken, and small desks in classrooms around the world. At St Monica's College, Epping in 2020, a Year of Jubilee, we shall together and individually be invited to give and receive an array of gifts on the Monican table that provides for our community. Our College Theme in 2020 is 'Gifts on the Table'.

This year Monicans will be invited to decorate, replenish and share their gifts as placed on the table of our College. We shall be assured that each of us is a loved and treasured Child of God, a gift to our parents and families and to each other. Our own giftedness will be celebrated and acclaimed as we place emphasis on our Monican culture of effective teaching and learning.

Gifts given freely, gifts created through sacrifice and hard effort, gifts large and imposing, and small and fragile. We shall meet gift-givers throughout the year, people whose life reflects service to the poor, those marginalized, the sick and imprisoned, the homeless and the stateless refugee. We shall have many gifts placed on our table – gifts that inspire us, motivate us, energize us, influence our beliefs and actions, and gifts that simply delight us and create for us a happy school community.

We shall learn and discuss the special Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. This Year of Jubilee will be enriched as these wondrous gifts are placed on our table, unwrapped and revealed, and their goodness spreads through the corridors of SMC. On each day of the school year, we shall pass by and encounter the Monican Tables of Life, a table placed on each Campus in a prominent position awaiting the gifts or messages or prayer requests that Monicans place upon them. They themselves will be gifts, beautiful furniture crafted by human hands and decorated with care.

The Table of the Lord will lead us to beautiful and holy liturgies as we gather for Eucharist. Jesus at table blessed the bread and wine and gave to us the most special gift of all, His own body and blood. Our gifts will be those we place on the table as a community. They will be gifts of service, compassion, rich in justice and overflowing with authentic generosity. As Monicans, we shall reach out from our table and welcome people from all places to join us. Monicans will belong to a community that shows hospitality to the guest and the stranger equally and with pleasure. We will be reminded how Christ can often be

met through the gift of hospitality given at our table.

Our gifts will be those we place on the table individually. These will be acts of kindness Monicans do for others, their smiles of joy, and their gentle hand of friendship. These individual gifts will be personal and signs of a relationship with Jesus. From our table, practical gifts will be sent to foreign missions both in Australia and throughout the world in places such as Pakistan and the Philippines. Many gifts will be hand crafted by Monicans. There will be wholesome food for all, sufficient drink to satisfy the greatest thirst, a table laid out in the blue and gold cloth of Monican heritage. We shall prepare ourselves to come and place our gifts on the table by taking Jesus in the Gospel as our guide. Jesus, with the apostles before and after His death and resurrection; Jesus, with Martha and Mary demonstrating the gift of friendship; Jesus, with the despised Pharisees and tax collectors, eating and speaking with them and demonstrating the gift of forgiveness; Jesus who beckoned Zacchaeus down from the tree and joined this unpopular man for a meal.

Throughout this Jubilee Year, Monicans will gather around many tables but always with one purpose – to pray and persevere. Tables will be the desks at which we learn and use and develop the gifts of knowledge we possess; table benches at lunchtimes when Monicans talk, laugh and relax with each other; staffroom tables for recreation and planning; the grand table of the Board Room at which the best use of our gifts will be determined by leaders. At Mass, we shall gather before the altar, the Table of the Lord.

Monican gifts will appear in many forms. There will be gifts of knowledge provided, shared and learned, gifts of talent and skill as presented through achievements in concert bands, on sporting fields, at debating competitions and chess and eSports tournaments. Our gifts will be community service, immersion into other communities, charity, sacrifices made, beauty created, Monican life lived in a spirit of good will and acceptance of all people.

In 2020, each Monican will be encouraged and supported personally to be a gift that makes this school community comfortable, rich in mercy and love; to come to our table and sit in partnership with each other, enjoying and giving thanks for the experience of being Monican; to use the Campus tables as focal points for reflection on our giftedness and needs; and, on the table, to contribute gifts given freely and receive gifts given with grace and gratitude.

In 2020, we are all invited to come to the table.

**Brian E. Hanley B.A., Dip. Ed., Grad. Dip. Ed. Admin.,
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Welcome to 2020

I am very pleased to welcome all College families to the 2020 school year. It promises to be a very productive and positive year as we enter a new decade. Please involve yourself in the life and events of St Monica's College.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF LEARNING & TEACHING BUILDING

All members of the College community are invited to attend the official blessing and opening ceremony of our new three-storey building on Davisson Street Campus on Sunday, 15 March at 2.30 p.m. This will include a tour and afternoon tea. Our special guest will be Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.

To accommodate all guests, entry will be by ticket only. Please contact C. Ragona@stmonicas-epping.com by 25 February to reserve a seat. Please indicate how many tickets are required.

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN in 2020

The editor of this Bulletin, Ms Pamela Griffin (Administrative Assistant to the Principal) and I are responsible for the production of this publication. Our aim will be to produce a Bulletin fortnightly, available online for your convenience.

This year we shall concentrate on including information on College affairs, sporting results and a Marvellous Monican. Some of the regular features of the past have been discontinued. Contact Ms Griffin if you have a news item or an event in your local community that you believe should be featured in the Principal's Bulletin.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7 2021 — 2023

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

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

TUITION FEES ACCOUNTS, 2020

Fee Accounts will be mailed out to all families this week.

Please note that fee payments are to commence immediately.

Our Billing cycle is from 4 February to 5 October, 2020 (unless paying via direct debit).

St Monica's College payment options are:

Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly and Quarterly and can be paid via the following options:

BPAY, Eftpos, Credit Card-Visa/Mastercard, Cash/Cheques/Parent portal online payments and Direct Debit.

Please note that payments must commence each year in February. All fee payments are to be made at the Augustine House Administration Office Reception only. All queries are to be directed to Miss Andrea Moon on 9409 8800.

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	\$7730.00	\$600.00	\$8530.00

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2020 \$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 **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, 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 2019 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 1 (**28 January, 2020**) or Term 2 (**14 April, 2020**).

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June, 2020 for eligibility. For more information regarding the CSEF, visit www.educationvic.gov.au/csef

For any further queries, please contact Miss Andrea Moon 9409 8800.

MAJOR TERM 1 DATES

February

11	Academic Honours Evening
18	College Assembly
20	College Board Meeting

March

6	International Women's Day Breakfast
10	College Board Committee Meetings
11 - 12	Year 7 Grandparents' Visits
12	Finance, Property & Works Committee Meeting
14 - 25	Visit from Takada High School, Japan
19	College Mass
24	Principal's Art Prize
26	College Board Meeting

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Dalton Road Campus: **Wednesday 19 February**
Davisson Street Campus: **Thursday 20 February**

College photographs will be taken by Arthur Reed Photographers. Class portraits and individual portraits will be taken and all students will be photographed for a new student identification/PTV card. All students must wear full College uniform (no Physical Education tracksuits) on the relevant day. All students are asked to pay particular attention to grooming and uniform.

Orders will be taken online. Information is available below.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION SCHOOL PHOTOS 2020

School Photographs will be taken at

St Monica's College - Dalton Road Campus
19 Feb, 2020

St Monica's College - Davisson Street Campus
20 Feb, 2020

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on photo day

When you receive the unique code from school...

Follow these 3 easy steps -

- 1 Grab your phone and go to order.arphotos.com.au
- 2 Enter the unique 2020 image code for your child (6 character code)
- 3 Fill in your mobile number and email address* *Do this for each of your children at this school*

*This information is only to be used for distribution of personal images and is not to be shared.

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop

Registration is required each year to link student images for the current year with your contact details. Images will be available to view approximately 10 days AFTER photography is finished.

- Order on any mobile device
- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images
- Digital Downloads

Register Online using your child's unique code to view their 2020 images



Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
103 9243 4390
customerservice@arphotos.com.au

PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Enrolments for Instrumental Music Lessons are still open for all students. Year 7 students are offered complimentary lessons and hire of an instrument on all orchestral instruments (fees apply to guitar, piano, drum kit and voice) <http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/instrumental-music>

2020 Ensemble rehearsal times

Concert Band – Thursdays - 3.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.
Flute Ensemble – Tuesday - 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Intermediate Band – Thursday - 3.45pm – 5.15pm
Junior Guitar – Friday - lunchtime
Junior Rock Band – Friday - lunchtime
Junior Strings – Thursday-, lunchtime
Male Vocal Ensemble – Tuesday - 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Percussion Ensemble – Wednesday - lunchtime
Production Band – Friday- 3.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.
Saxophone Quartet – Wednesday - lunchtime
Senior Guitar – Thursday - 3.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.
Jazz Combo – Wednesday - 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Senior Rock Band – Wednesday - lunchtime
Senior Strings – Tuesday - 3.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.
Senior Vocal Ensemble – Monday - 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
SMC Singers – Thursday - 3.45pm – 5.15 p.m.
Stage Band – Wednesday - 3.45 pm – 5.15 p.m.
Year 7 Band – Wednesday - 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
Year 7 Singers – Tuesday – lunchtime.

Year 7 Music Information Evening

Monday, 17 February 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Theatre of All Nations

All Year 7 parents and students invited to attend

The evening will include:

- Performance by music staff
- Important information about the instrumental music program
- Details of free offer to Year 7 students
- Instrument trials
- Opportunity to enrol for lessons



CAR PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parents are required to observe parking restrictions around the College. This includes no parking or entry into the staff parking areas on DRC; observing parking instructions on DSC; no parking at White Ladies Funerals or on TAFE grounds; being aware of Council restrictions outside the entrance to DRC.

The maximum speed on both campuses (at all times) is 5kph.

WELCOME

Our College welcomes new Canonical Administrator, Father John Magri, Parish Priest of St Clare's, Thomastown West.

COLLEGE BOARD VACANCIES

Any parishioners from St Clare's, Thomastown West or Holy Name, East Preston who are interested in serving on the College Board as their parish's representative, is asked to speak with their Parish Priest as soon as possible.

STUDENT GROOMING

Girls are to have their hair back off their face and shoulders.

Boys' hair is to be no longer than the top of the shirt collar. Boys are NOT permitted to tie their hair back.

Extreme colors and styles for girls and boys are not allowed. Discretion is the responsibility of the Year Level Leader, ultimately. Home Room Teachers will check.

Please read the College Planner for other uniform and grooming items.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Campus Addresses:

Administration Complex
Augustine House
400 Dalton Road
EPPING VIC 3076

Davisson Street Campus
Years 10 – 12
16 Davisson Street
EPPING VIC 3076

Dalton Road Campus
Years 7 – 9
400 Dalton Road
EPPING VIC 3076

Monica's Cottage
Units 1 AND 2
32 Guila Court
EPPING VIC 3076

Ostia Campus
Falls Road
STRATH CREEK VIC 3658

Website: www.stmonicas-epping.com
E-Mail: admin@stmonicas-epping.com
Facebook: [facebook.com/smcepping](https://www.facebook.com/smcepping)
Linked In: <https://www.linkedin.com/school/st-monica's-college-epping---official/>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmonicascollegevic/>



OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Pamela Coyne Library

- a. A special message from the Libraries at SMC
A warm welcome to all students on Dalton Road Campus. The Library is now open for business, and we look forward to you all calling in and checking

out our wonderful collection. We are ready for you all to borrow. Just a few reminders for everyone. All 2019 holiday loans for Years 8 and 9 are due back now. No bags or food is to be brought into the library. Water bottles are permitted.

Please take care on the stairs in the Pamela Coyne Library. Running is not permitted anywhere in the library, especially on our stairs.

b. After School Homework Programs

After School Homework Programme ASH – Years 7 - 9

Pamela Coyne Library - 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday

Students can work independently or in a group to complete homework. It is a great opportunity to meet with other students when there is a group project set by a teacher or to study together when a test is coming up. Students have access to all the library's resources however the most valuable resource is the St Monica's staff who volunteer their time to assist students.

Senior Study Centre - Years 10 – 12

Sister Julian Quaine Library - Monday to Thursday from 3.25 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

The Senior Study Centre is held in the Sister Julian Quaine Library at the Davisson Street Campus and is dedicated to assisting students in Years 10 - 12 with homework, general course work and providing an environment for quiet study and research. We have an extensive range of VCE Resources for student use in the Library. Tutors are available on all days and assist students with a broad range of subjects at all levels.

YEAR 7 WIZARD of OZ AUDITIONS



Year 7: *Wizard of Oz Auditions*
Date: Thursday 13 February
Time: 3:45pm
Venue: The Gateway Room,
Dalton Road Campus


Students simply need to only learn a section of the song, 'We're Off To See The Wizard' for auditions. Please refer to posters in Year 7 homerooms and the Google Classroom code:

qu5zwho. All students are welcome.

COUNSELLORS' NIGHT

Settling into St Monica's College

A vital presentation for Year 7 Parents presented by the College Counsellors



Topics include:

- Transitioning from primary to secondary school
- How St Monica's College supports your child
- How you can support your child
- Your child's development in adolescence
- What to do if you become aware of bullying
- How St Monica's College fosters positive relationships and implements positive education

Date: Thursday, 5 March 2020
Time: 5:30pm for an optional delicious light, hot supper followed by a 6:00pm-7:00pm presentation
Venue: Theatre of All Nations, Dalton Road Campus






Image: The College Counsellors - Belinda Sudano, Oliver Jones, Laura Guliguis, Michelle Miller and Diana Murphy.



Please RSVP (for catering purposes) by Thursday, 27 February 2020 via <https://www.trybooking.com/581764> or 9409 8800. If you require an interpreter, please contact the College. This evening is for parents, guardians and carers. Students are not required to attend.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST



ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING INVITES YOU TO


International Women's Day Breakfast

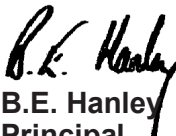
FRIDAY, 6 MARCH, 2020
7.00AM - 8.30AM
THE GATEWAY ROOM
DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

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*




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