



Taking matters in your stride

Not always and not everything goes as we would want it. Life throws up challenges, some of which are welcomed and embraced: others are unexpected and undesirable. This seems to happen to everyone, including Monicans.

We could state that COVID needs to be 'taken in our stride' though this would be somewhat flippant. It is more serious as are other instances that involve bereavement, ill health, and tragedies. These matters demand of us calmness, thought, and appropriate actions according to the situation.

What we should take in our stride is doing things we would prefer not to do. In our Monican context as a school, this includes (for some) undertaking homework and study; wearing our uniform properly and with all the correct items; ensuring we meet grooming regulations; using acceptable language always; and respecting College property as we move around (including avoidance of littering).

Nothing expected of a Monican in his or her daily attendance at school is unreasonable. Rules and regulations are set for a purpose – the staged development of the students through adolescence. No standard of behaviour is stipulated to be cruel or unfair or harsh. Teachers expect the cooperation of students in this regard, and essentially too the support of parents who have made the decision to send their child to SMC.

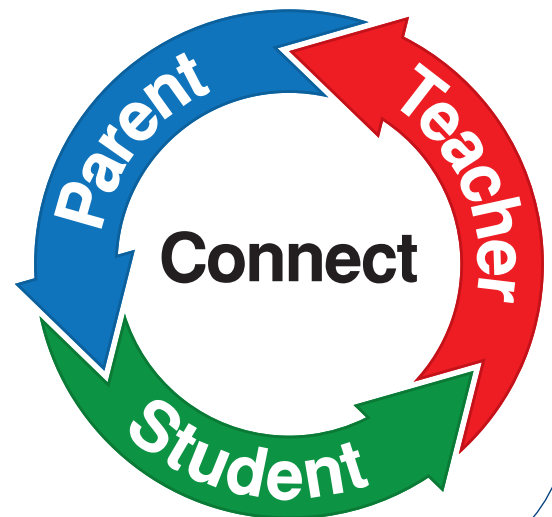
Our College seeks to be a community where students can have a voice, and indeed we welcome this. There are student representatives elected by the students, student councils exist on both campuses, class captains are chosen by their peers, and most teachers will welcome respectful and sensible suggestions from their students on appropriate matters.

Taking matters in their stride invites students to mature and move from childhood to greater more responsible behaviour and reactions. This calls on the College to nurture students in discernment, critical analysis of arguments, reasoned thinking, and broadmindedness that considers and develops options for most situations. Simply being critical, whingeing, complaining or even disobeying are not Monican values.

On certain matters, compliance and obedience are required. This involves safety and order in the school environment. On other matters, discussion is welcome, ideas are heard and possibly acted upon, alternatives are considered. Simply resisting, spreading disharmony, or even refusing to cooperate on core principles are not Monican values.

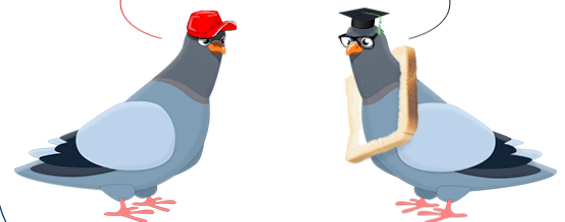
Striding is a forward action, a most preferred manner of acting and behaving as we travel together on our journeys ahead.

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College Principal



what's the
opposite of
acquiescence?

disagreement, refusal,
rebellion, defiance, dissent,
resistance, denial,
insubordination, veto



TERM 1 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES **YEARS 7 – 12**

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Years 7 – 12 will be held on Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 31 March from 2.30 pm – 8.00 pm and will be held online. Bookings can be made by using the Parent Access Module (PAM) system from 9.00 am on Tuesday 15 March using your log on details received previously. If you require any assistance, please contact the College on 9409 8800. Students will conclude at lunchtime (12.55 pm) on both days.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SAC has met for the first time in 2022 on 17 February. The Chairperson is Mr Mario Bernardi, and members are Father Luciano Toldo CS, PP; Mr S. McMackin; Mrs S. Cirritto; Mrs E. James; Mr D. Monaghan (staff); Miss S. Bartolomeo (student), Mr C. Whitford (Deputy Principal, Operations); Mrs A. Pisani (Finance & Business Manager) and myself.

SCHOOL CAMPS and EXCURSIONS

In line with current government guidelines, excursions can continue to operate. A risk assessment will be performed before each one is approved and parents will be informed of the COVID safe measures being taken. Those excursions crucial to the delivery of school curriculum will be given priority.

The College has made the decision to limit overnight Camps for 2022, therefore Year 8 Stepping Stones, Uniquely Year 9 and Year 10 On the Edge will all run in a different format for 2022. Parents will be informed of the dates and structure of these programs shortly.

CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Car parking at Dalton Road is for staff only. Staff can park at the front car park alongside the soccer pitch and between the athletics track and soccer pitch. Please adhere to speed limits and parking signals. Drop off is available along Dalton Road before and after school. All City of Whittlesea car parking restrictions apply during peak times.

At Davisson Street car parking is for staff only with the pick up and drop off available for parents. This is accessible before and after school and also when students have free study periods. Can parents please take care and not block entrance or exits or drive in the wrong direction. Speed limits of 5km an hour apply in this car park also.



MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

Many students can find thinking about their future overwhelming, but we are here to help!

Students in Years 10 to 12 can make a Careers Appointment to see a Careers Practitioner for assistance in clarifying study pathways, help with researching potential careers, advice on potential subject changes and much more.

To make an appointment, Yr 10-12 students can simply follow the 'Bookings' link found on the [Careers Website](#) in the top left hand corner.

Students in Year 7-9 can make a booking by seeing their Year Level Leaders.

YEAR 9 CAREER CLASSES DURING PASTORAL LESSONS

Career Management has been a hot topic during Year 9 Pastoral lessons this week. Students have been introduced to the Career Website and shown its many advantages and powerful resources that can be used right up until the end of Year 12.

The [Careers Website](#) can be accessed via the Student Portal.

During their first lesson, students were able to complete a *Modern Careers* quiz and explore job information which may be of interest to them. This quiz assists students to reflect on themselves and to explore a range of options that exist in the dynamic world of work.

YEAR 12 GOAL SETTING SESSIONS

Year 12 Goal Setting interviews have commenced with many students taking the opportunity to meet staff to briefly discuss their aims beyond Year 12.

These interviews have been a great way for students to seek advice about future courses and pathways. Many students have also used these sessions to make additional appointments for further discussions regarding their future.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2022 \$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, 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 2022 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2022 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2021
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022.

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 (31 January, 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

Closing Date

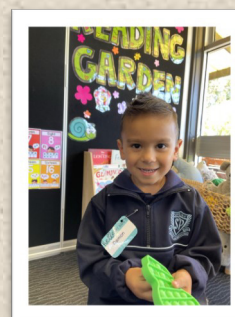
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 24 June, 2022 for eligibility. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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



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Ring the school office and arrange a tour with the school principal, Mrs Angela Tonkin

Dates available on our website calendar or contact the office for details.

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THIS MONTH IN *Mission*

2022

7 February	Youth Ministry Meeting
8 February	DSC Be More Meeting
10 February	DRC Be More Meeting
11 February	Junior Student Council Meeting
14 February	Student Council Investiture
14 February	Senior Student Council Meeting
15 February	College Assembly
15 February	DSC Be More Meeting
15 February	Youth Ministry Meeting
17 February	DRC Be More Meeting
17 February	Liturgy Planning Meeting
17 February	Lake Mungo Immersion Formation Session
18 February	Social Justice Student Retreat Afternoon

OUR FRIENDS IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE GRATEFUL

This photograph is from our friends in Daet, the Philippines, who on behalf of the Moreno Integrated School recently received 15 second hand laptop computers from SMC. Moreno School is a Bridge partner school of SMC and we are proud to continue our connection through such donations. A big thank you goes to Mr Matt Byrne and his team for selecting and preparing the computers to be sent overseas. The computers will be provided to students to assist them with their online learning as well as to allow students to participate in Generation Global dialogues.



FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!

PICK & MIX



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



Library news



February 14 is a date known by millions as Valentine's Day, but here in SMC's Library Resource Faculty, we more fondly know it as *Library Lovers' Day*.

Annually, Library Lovers' Day is celebrated in Libraries internationally and here at SMC we try to make it a special day for our staff and students as well.

The Staff Reading Challenge was launched, giving all our staff the opportunity to read to their heart's delight, enter their favourite books in our annual competition and be in the running for fabulous prizes!

Our students were delighted to join in our free book giveaway at PCL, and books flew out the door faster than we could have imagined.

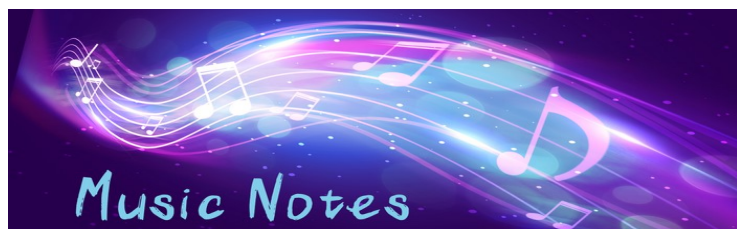
"Blind Date with a Book" displays in both the Sister Julian Quaine Library and Pamela Coyne Library were extremely popular with the students. These books were gift wrapped (ala Lucky Dip Style) with clues to help them decide, so they didn't actually know what there were borrowing! The gift of a chocolate was also a nice tempter to borrow too!

Once again, it was another extremely enjoyable Library Lovers Day!



Structure of the Year 2022

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 S	1 T 7 Orientation	1 T Yr 7	1 F	1 S	1 W	1 F	1 M	1 T	1 S	1 T	1 T
2 S	2 W 7 Commence	2 W	2 S	2 M	2 T	2 S	2 T	2 F	2 S	2 W	2 F
3 M	3 T 8-12 Commence	3 T Yr 8-12	3 S	3 T	3 F	3 S	3 W	3 S	3 M Term 4 Starts	3 T	3 S
4 T	4 F	4 F	4 M	4 W	4 S	4 M	4 T	4 S	4 T	4 F	4 S
5 W	5 S	5 S	5 T	5 T	5 S	5 T	5 F	5 M	5 W	5 S	5 M
6 T	6 S	6 S	6 W	6 F	6 M	6 W	6 S	6 T	6 T	6 S	6 T 7-11 Finish
7 F	7 M	7 M	7 T	7 S	7 T	7 T	7 S	7 W	7 F	7 M	7 W
8 S	8 T	8 T	8 F End of Term 1	8 S	8 W	8 F	8 M	8 T	8 S	8 T	8 T
9 S	9 W	9 W	9 S	9 M	9 T	9 S	9 T	9 F	9 S	9 W	9 F
10 M	10 T	10 T	10 S	10 T	10 F	10 S	10 W	10 S	10 M	10 T	10 S
11 T	11 F	11 F	11 M	11 W	11 S	11 M Term 3 Starts	11 T	11 S	11 T	11 F	11 S
12 W	12 S	12 S	12 T	12 T	12 S	12 T	12 F	12 M	12 W	12 S	12 M
13 T	13 S	13 S	13 W	13 F	13 M Queens B'day	13 W	13 S	13 T	13 T	13 S	13 T
14 F	14 M	14 M Labour Day	14 T	14 S	14 T Semester 2	14 T	14 S	14 W	14 F	14 M	14 W Staff Finish
15 S	15 T	15 T	15 F Good Friday	15 S	15 W	15 F	15 M	15 T	15 S	15 T	15 T
16 S	16 W	16 W	16 S	16 M	16 T	16 S	16 T	16 F End of Term 3	16 S	16 W	16 F Office Closes
17 M	17 T	17 T	17 S Easter Sunday	17 T	17 F	17 S	17 W	17 S	17 M	17 T	17 S
18 T	18 F	18 F	18 M	18 W	18 S	18 M	18 T	18 S	18 T	18 F	18 S
19 W	19 S	19 S	19 T	19 T	19 S	19 T	19 F	19 M	19 W	19 S	19 M
20 T Office Opens	20 S	20 S	20 W	20 F	20 M	20 W	20 S	20 T	20 T	20 S	20 T
21 F	21 M	21 M	21 T	21 S	21 T	21 T	21 S	21 W	21 F	21 M	21 W
22 S	22 T	22 T	22 F	22 S	22 W	22 F	22 M	22 T	22 S	22 T	22 T
23 S	23 W	23 W	23 S	23 M	23 T	23 S	23 T	23 F	23 S	23 W	23 F
24 M	24 T	24 T	24 S	24 T	24 F End of Term 2	24 S	24 W	24 S	24 M	24 T	24 S
25 T	25 F	25 F	25 M ANZAC Day	25 W	25 S	25 M	25 T	25 S	25 T	25 F	25 S
26 W Oz Day	26 S	26 S	26 T Term 2 Starts	26 T	26 S	26 T	26 F	26 M	26 W	26 S	26 M
27 T POLs Return	27 S	27 S	27 W	27 F	27 M	27 W	27 S	27 T	27 T	27 S	27 T
28 F Staff Return	28 M	28 M	28 T	28 S	28 T	28 T	28 S	28 W	28 F	28 M	28 W
29 S		29 T	29 F	29 S	29 W	29 F	29 M	29 T	29 S	29 T	29 T
30 S		30 W	30 S	30 M	30 T	30 S	30 T	30 F Grand Final	30 S	30 W	30 F
31 M		31 T		31 T		31 S	31 W		31 M		31 S



Instrumental Music Enrolment

Enrolments remain open for group and individual instrumental music lessons. All students are encouraged to take up the opportunity to learn a musical instrument with specialist music staff.

Please use the following link to enrol for lessons: <https://www.stmonicas-epping.com/instrumental-music/>

Complimentary lessons and instrument hire are offered to Year 7 students and this applies to all brass (trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba), woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone), strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass) and orchestral percussion instruments.

Music Lesson information

All students who are enrolled for lessons will receive their Term 1 timetable via email from the Music Secretary, Ms Linda Malorni.

Any student who is unable to attend their lesson due to absence is asked to notify the music office (l.malorni@stmonicas-epping.com) prior to the commencement of the school day.

Music Ensembles

All students are encouraged to join a College music ensemble. The music department is looking forward to many performance opportunities throughout 2022.

Weekly rehearsals have started and a timetable is listed below.

SMC Singers - any student with an interest in singing is welcome to join the College Choir (SMC Singers). There is no audition required and the choir is open to all Year levels.

Please contact Mr Hatherell, Director of Music for specific ensemble information.

ENSEMBLE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
Concert Band	Thursday	After school 3:30 pm	G30
SMC Singers College Choir	Thursday	After school 3:30 pm	TOAN
Stage Band	Wednesday	After school 3:30 pm	G30
Senior Vocal Ensemble	Monday	Before school 8:00 am	T18
Flute Ensemble	Thursday	Before school 8:00 am	T18
Junior Band	Wednesday	Before school 8:00 am	G30
Junior Guitar Ensemble	Wednesday	After school 3:30 pm	E27
SENIOR GUITAR ENSEMBLE	Tuesday	After school 3:30 pm	T25
Junior Singers	Tuesday	Lunch 1:00 pm	E27
Junior String Ensemble	Tuesday	Lunch 1:00 pm	G30
Senior String Ensemble	Tuesday	After school 3:30 pm	T18
Saxophone Ensemble	Wednesday	Lunch 1:00 pm	T25
Brass Ensemble	Thursday	Before school 8:00 am	TOAN
Drum Ensemble	Friday	Before school 8:00 am	G30
Junior Rock Band	Wednesday	Lunch 1:00 pm	G30
Senior Rock Band	Wednesday	Lunch 1:00 pm	T18

COVID-19 UPDATE

- Reminder that masks are to be worn at the College indoors and on public transport. Students may want to store an additional mask or two in their bags in the event they forget to bring one when they leave home.
- Any student that tests positive to COVID-19 needs to isolate for 7 days and cannot return to school until Day 8 from when they tested positive.
- Household or household-like contacts must quarantine for 7 days.

Further information can be obtained by referring to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 675 398.

NEW RECEPTIONISTS TO THE COLLEGE

We welcome two new receptionists to whom you may speak:

Mrs Samantha Sherwood (Augustine House) and Mrs Dana Scott (Dalton Road Campus)

We welcome them both.





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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SPORT

Sport commenced at St Monica's last week. Our Senior Girls Netball team opened the season with a thrilling 1 point win against Penola Catholic College. Our Year 10 Premier League teams also got out for their first round with some impressive wins and a lot of potential shown for the rest of the season.



FINAL SCORE

34	33
St Monica's	Penola



Year 10 Premier League Results Round 1

- Boys Basketball: 65-58
- Girls Basketball: 27-27
- Boys Basketball B: 29-39
- Netball: 23-43
- Boys Volleyball: 0-3
- Girls Volleyball: 0-3
- Boys Football: 6-3
- Girls Football: 2-2

Sport Season Launch

Last week the College held the first ever Sport Season Launch. The inaugural event involved an introduction to the sporting year from Director Mr Matt Sheens, whilst all Sport Captains were presented with their badges from Principal, Mr Brian Hanley. It was a fantastic afternoon which aims to grow only bigger in the years ahead.

2022 Captains are:

Athletics:

Cheyenne Schroeter and Tristan Kalkbrenner

AFL:

Hailey Cordova, Chiara Nardo and Harrison Karvellas

Basketball:

Hailey Cordova and Samuel Natoli

Chess:

Trajco Nikolov

Cricket:

Anusha Joshi and Digvijay Digvijay

Cross Country:

Taylor Ebrahim and Sebastian Marcellino

Esports:

Eli Woods

Football:

Sienna Cappola, Tiana Pandov and Ari Stamatakos

Hockey:

Caitlin Dowsett and Alek D'Arro

Netball:

Nikita Gruevski

Swimming:

Emilia Bogoevski and Patrick McGuigan

Tennis:

Kevin Nguyen and Medinah Fuataga

Volleyball:

Gabrielle Morales and Ethan Van

College Sports Captains:

Cheyenne Schroeter and Ari Stamatakos.



NOSE BLEEDS



- Sit upright in a comfortable position, and lean slightly forward. Squeeze the lower, soft part of the nose, pressing the nostrils together.
- Keep squeezing for 10 minutes. Hold for another 10 minutes if continues
- Can use an Ice Pack to the back of Neck
- Can have a cold drink/ice pole to alleviate taste of blood.
- If it continues to bleed medical attention is required.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Hailey Cordova is the Senior AFL Girls and Basketball Captain and debuted on the weekend as a 16 yo in the Under 19 NAB League (AFL). She has been in ADP since Year 8 (now Year 11).

<https://youtu.be/YXqf1g5MLs>

Congratulations

Hailey Cordova

B.E. Hanley
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Principal