

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

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The Importance of Good Government

Australians have heard a considerable amount of comment and seen countless pages and posts about governments and governing authorities in recent months.



The recent Federal Election was conducted on Saturday, 21 May, and for six weeks prior, our news streams and sources were literally bombarded with articles, photographs, opinion pieces and advertising all associated with the election and who was either the better or the least worthy to govern according to one's political

We know that ultimately the Australian Labor Party squeaked past the post and formed the government. Our College wishes the new Prime Minister Hon Anthony Albanese and his government well. Equally, SMC hopes and expects that the official Opposition parties and all the independents of various hues will serve the appropriate role of critiquing and offering alternate solutions to the Government – and supporting worthy policies too.

This was democracy in action and all those who had attained eighteen years of age were eligible to vote. Let us hope that all those eligible availed themselves of the opportunity to cast a ballot. I also hope that students took an active interest in the policies, promises and personalities of the Federal Election, thereby preparing themselves for the time when their responsibility to vote comes around.



On the weekend just concluded, Australia was reminded that in this we live under the country Westminster system and official Head of State is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, represented in Canberra by His Excellency the Governor-General and in each of the six States of the Commonwealth by the particular Governor. This is a hereditary monarchy and our monarch in her role as Queen of Australia. Constitution and our laws direct us so. Our College extends Queen Elizabeth our congratulations on reigning for seventy years (since 1952) and thus the celebrations of her Platinum Jubilee.

Good government is linked directly democratic processes which go back to ancient times. One person: one vote and equal eligibility for all those of a certain Free age. elections, freedom of speech, and peaceful transfer



of power should the election determine this is what distinguishes and blesses Australia, a blessing not enjoyed by all nations and peoples of the world.

Wars have been fought to ensure and protect democracy; people have been imprisoned and punished should they work to destroy or corrupt democratic processes; democracy is free will, the will of the people and the will the majority. For ever may it be this nation's way of governing and electing governments to lead.

At St Monica's College our public preference is servant leadership. This means of good leadership is proclaimed and taught to student leaders and put forward always through Assembly addresses and via publications such as We believe that servant leadership is best demonstrated by Jesus's washing of the feet of the twelve Apostles, and it is lived out by many other examples on a daily basis.

Monicans are encouraged to take political stances they believe best serve democracy and best guarantee a peaceful and well governed country. We pray that Monicans might be found participating in the three arms of Australian Government – Local, State and National.

These are our journeys ahead - let us travel them together.

Brian E. Hanley OAM Principal

MESSAGES FROM ST MONICA'S COLLEGE LEADERS

PRINCIPAL

The second term is full of exciting and important events as we draw closer to Friday, 24 June. Special best wishes to the cast, crew, musicians of Chicago (Teen Edition) and all Monicans who have been practising and rehearsing so hard. Please support this year's Production.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DAVISSON STREET CAMPUS

Well done to all Year 10 and 11 students who have successfully completed their Semester 1 examinations, during the past fortnight. As Unit 1 and 3 studies draw to a conclusion, we acknowledge and commend the efforts of students in Years 11 and 12 and their teachers. Semester 2 offers many opportunities for enhancement and improvement for all DSC students.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

We should all be extremely proud of our Year 7 students' performance in their Premier League competition. We currently have 7 out of 8 teams playing semi finals this week. Best wishes to all of these teams. Many grand final wins are on the horizon.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (OPERATIONS)

While most COVID restrictions have been lifted the College still has air purifiers in almost every classroom as well as hand sanitiser throughout all buildings and classrooms. Students should still use RA tests if symptomatic and if unwell please stay home. I look forward to sharing with all of the College community the implementation of the new Cooinda and STEM buildings. Completion of Cooinda is imminent with STEM to be completed by mid-July.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (IDENTITY, MISSION & COMMUNITY)

Well done and thank you to all Monicans who have been involved in Mission Team activities and programs in Term 2. These include the daily morning prayers, Social Justice and Values activities, Generation Global sessions, our Lake Mungo Immersion, Student and Alumni Archives Committees, Youth Ministry, Junior and Senior Council and College Conversations.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (PERSONNEL)

The care that our personnel in every faculty and department has shown each other this term has been a true example of our embedded desire to serve others. Thank you for the kindness you have shown me, your colleagues and I genuinely hope, yourselves. Please do take care as we approach the final weeks of the term.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (TEACHING & LEARNING)

As Semester One draws to a close, our students should be commended for their perseverance. The Year 7 students who consolidated their learning and settled in completely to high school life. Our Year 8 to Year 11 students are completing examinations, and for some of them, this is the first time they have undertaken the process. The Year 12 students are completing numerous tasks as they meet the expectations of their VCE, VET and VCAL classes. The move to Semester Two on June 14 will provide us all with an opportunity to re-set our focus and priorities.



An eager team of staff and students braved an exceptionally chilly evening and spent their time cooking meals for families experiencing food insecurity in Melbourne's north.

They prepared over 180 meals of Minestrone and Halal Fried Rice, which were cooked, packaged and labelled and picked up to stock the freezers of the Whittlesea Food Collective.

Sincerest gratitude to our amazing staff and students who made this possible.



TERM CALENDAR DATES

Term 2		August	
		4	Principal's Award for Public
13	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday		Speaking
14	Changeover Electives 7-10 – Start	10	Years 7-12 Parent Teacher
	of Units 2 and 4		Conferences
15 - 19	College Production	16	Years 7-12 Parent Teacher
24	End of Term 2	-	Conferences
		17	Staff Professional Learning Day
Torm 3		-,	(Student Free)
Term 3		22 - 26	ST MONICA'S WEEK
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July	Staff Drafassianal Lagraina Day	26	St Monica's Day
11	Staff Professional Learning Day	20	St Women & Buy
10	(Student Free)	September	•
12	Term 3 Classes Commence		
25	College Assembly	5	Principal's Cup for Song
28	Subject Selection Expo	7	General Achievement Test (GAT)
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SPORT



Year 7 Premier League Results Round 7

Boys Football: 14-0 (PCC) Girls Football: 10-0 (PCC) Boys Basketball: 54-48 (MCC) Girls Basketball: 31-22 (MCC) AFL: 20.11.131 defeated 0.0.0 (PCC)

Netball: 32-12 (PCC) Boys Volleyball: 3-1 (MCC) Girls Volleyball: 3-0 (MCC)



Year 7 Premier League Results Round 6

Boys Football: 5-1 (CRCNK) Girls Football: 3-0 (CRCNK)

Boys Basketball: 48-40

(MACK)

Girls Basketball: 31-22

(MACK)

AFL: 15.14.100 defeated 0.0.1

(MACK)

Netball: 12-26 (MACK)

Boys Volleyball: 2-3 (MACK) Girls Volleyball: 3-0 (MACK)



Finalising Term 2 Tuition Fees

As we are approaching the end of Term 2, we kindly remind families of their fee obligations.

A requirement of enrolling your child at St Monica's College is that payments are made on a regular basis. Payments are due the second week of each term, as outlined in the correspondence sent with your 2022 Tax Invoice, in February.

If you have not made an instalment on your Tuition account in Term 2, we ask that you please make a quarterly payment.

Quarterly dates are:

- 11 February
- 6 May
- 22 July
- 14 October

Please refer to your Fees Account Statement sent via email on 2 June, 2022 to monitor your fees status.

Extra-curricular activities will not appear on your Fees Account Statement. Additional charges may apply as and when they fall due. These will be charged on a separate Tax Invoice with different Terms and Conditions.

To those families who are up to date with their fee obligations, we thank you for your continued support.

Should you need assistance bringing your account up to date, please feel free to contact the Fees Office on 9409 -8800 or contact us via fees@stmonicas-epping.com.

If you are on a school administered payment plan, no action is required.

Financial assistance for Camps, Sports & 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.educationvic.gov.au/csef

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











ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING YEAR 7, 2024

Dear Parents,

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2024 are now open and will close on 19 August 2022.

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

For enquiries, please call the College Registrar, Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicasepping.com.



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Reconciliation Week in the Library Resource Faculty

In recognition of Reconciliation Week, both the Pamela Coyne Library and Sister Julian Quaine Library showcased displays featuring the many books available in our Indigenous Australian collections.

This year's theme of **Be Brave**, **Make Change** is more relevant than ever, and here in the LRF we endeavour to provide our students and staff with accurate information, truth telling and an incredible variety of First Nations People's works in both story and prose.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart also featured and added to the relevance and beauty of these displays.

You are warmly invited to come to view our displays and welcome to borrow from our collection.







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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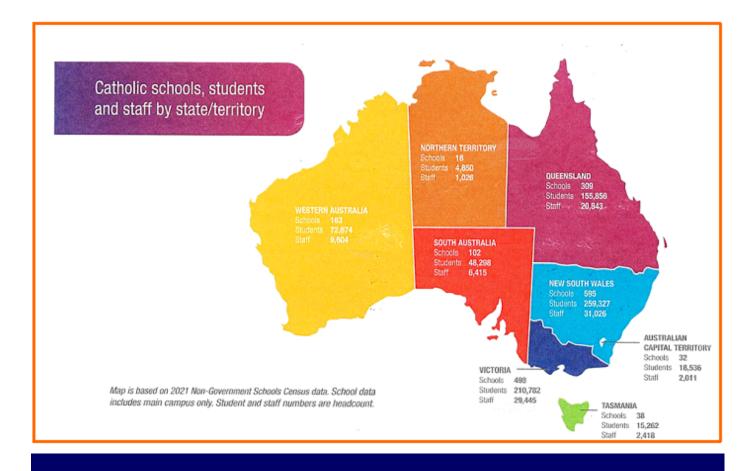
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MARVELLOUS MONICANS

The students of Year 12 Mauve are our Marvellous Monicans for this edition of the Principal's Bulletin due to their incredibly generous donations to the 'Milk for Moira' program. Their efforts in supporting this charity, and willingness to give to those less fortunate in a time where we continue to face our own personal challenges is an amazing feat. Choosing to be kind through our thoughts and actions is something we should all strive for. Congratulations to Year 12 Mauve on being an example for all of us to follow.







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