



SUMMER DAYS & NIGHTS

In Australia, the season of summer occurs in December (Christmas), January (New Year) and February (resumption of schools). It is characterised by images of the sun, beach, heat waves on weather maps, daylight saving, sweltering days and cool changes at night. People either like or detest the hot weather!

I believe that it is good for our morale and sense of life balance that nature produces four distinct seasons. How miserable it might be for some to have twelve months of cold, wintry days or always the same amount of hot, dry conditions. We could not live for ever in an everlasting sense of anticipation for new growth sprouting through Spring, much less bear the sight of falling leaves for twelve consecutive months of autumn. Variety is the spice of life.

Summer in Australia gives us the chance to thank God for many experiences and opportunities. It is usually associated with holidays, a time of relaxation, re-energising ourselves, having fun, sleep-ins, and barbeques in the backyard or at the park. Summer is the seaside too, a time and place for blue waves crashing onto the beach, and hours later paddling on the shoreline at dusk. It is sand castles, fishing in the surf, ice creams from the Mr Whippy van, beach balls, sticky sun screen lotion, and the search for the beautifully tanned body.

Of course, summer comes with a few negatives. Water safety is a requirement because beach drownings are a tragedy; the sun's rays can be harmful to the body; excessive drinking of alcohol is not the panacea for cooling down; and we cannot bear mosquitoes, blowflies, sun burn or sleepless nights due to the heat.

Back to the start of this piece. Summer in Australia is Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus. Christmas is a time of much rejoicing, giving thanks for the coming into the world of the Saviour, and family and community togetherness enjoyed around all the paraphernalia of Christmas.

Summer is the New Year on 1 January. This first day of the new year can be time to make choices to change, improve, relent from wild pursuits, or seek reconciliation with others. New Year is truly a new beginning, auld lang syne and hello new year. It is wise to take resolutions: better when we keep them.



Jesus would have lived through excessive heat in Palestine, remorseless heat day after day. Hot sands, driving winds, cloudless skies with a burning golden orb of sun beating down. Perhaps we should indeed be thankful to be born now, not in the time of the Lord because today we have air conditioners, refrigeration, electric fans, and we can find creative ways to turn a hot day into a fun summer experience.

At school, few of us like long, hot days on the grounds and in the classrooms. Uniforms are great items of clothing but are not the Aussie image of summer apparel. Shady areas exist but they are not plentiful, and unavoidably Physical Education classes outside, training on the athletic track, or learning cooking skills in Food Technology are necessary components of secondary education learning. Persevere, Monicans.

Let us be cautious and responsible so as to avoid traditional summer disasters such as grass and bush fires, drownings, irresponsible behaviours, and distress suffered by elderly people due to the heat. Pray, Monicans.

Just a few days remain of Summer 2023. Enjoy.

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College Principal



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Uniform and Grooming reminders

At the end of 2022, Parents/Carers/Guardians and Students were asked to attend to the following College expectations in time for the commencement of the 2023 academic school year:

- ◆ Only regulation items of uniform purchased from the authorised College supplier may be worn to school
- ◆ Students must have the approved St Monica's College school bag
- ◆ Make-up and nail polish may not be worn to school. False eyelashes are not permitted. Students unable to rectify the matter at school, will be sent home to address the situation
- ◆ Male students must present clean-shaven at all times. Facial hair is not permitted. Failure to comply will result in students being required to shave at school or they will be sent home to address the concern
- ◆ Shirts must be tucked in at all times whilst on campus unless engaging in physical play, and whilst travelling to and from school
- ◆ Jewellery is worn at owner's own risk. Students are permitted to wear one earring, stud or sleeper only in each ear (silver or gold, not coloured); a watch; religious medal on a chain. No other jewellery is permitted
- ◆ Facial piercing is not permitted. This includes transparent piercings
- ◆ Canvas and casual shoes are not permitted
- ◆ The College Pin is to be worn by all students on the left lapel of the College blazer
- ◆ Students must ensure their hair is neat and tidy at all times. Male students must ensure hair is no longer than the top of their shirt collar. No male student may tie hair back whilst in uniform. Female students must tie their hair up or back, using blue or gold accessories only
- ◆ Extreme hair colours and styles are not acceptable, including any unnatural hair colours and shaving hair using a blade below a number 2
- ◆ For outdoor activities, students are encouraged to use sunscreen
- ◆ All items of uniform and other possessions must be clearly labelled
- ◆ The College blazer is the only outer garment permitted for all students and must be worn to and from the College daily
- ◆ Jumpers are not to be tied around the waist at any time
- ◆ Sports uniform is to be worn only on days when students have P.E. or practical sports lessons. Full tracksuits must be worn to and from school. P.E. shorts are not to be worn to and from school. Students are not permitted to wear skivvies or t-shirts beneath the P.E. polo shirt. Plain white singlets may be worn under the polo top provided they are not visible
- ◆ Track suit pants must not trail on the ground or be worn rolled or twisted
- ◆ Black socks are not permitted to be worn with shorts (P.E or otherwise) or with dresses
- ◆ Full College uniform is to be worn by all students every day. In exceptional circumstances, if a part of the uniform cannot be worn, the appropriate Year Level Leader must be notified
- ◆ Blazers must be worn each morning whilst travelling to school (or full tracksuit if P.E day). On extreme weather days, Campus Leaders may call for no blazers required in the afternoon
- ◆ Dress/skirt lengths are appropriately maintained throughout the course of the year, according to College standards.

Thank you to all those you have commenced the year following these expectations.

Miss Di Maria
Executive Deputy Principal

Delivery of items, Messages and Unplanned Departure of Students

A reminder to all Parents and Guardians, that the delivery of messages and/or personal items will be attended to, as soon as it is possible to do so.

Every reasonable attempt will be made to deliver important messages, however we are unable to guarantee immediate action.

Parents/Guardians arriving unexpectedly requesting to collect students for urgent appointments, may face a delay. Please ensure you allow sufficient time prior to the appointment or provide a note for the student to present to their subject teacher, to ensure they are dismissed from class. Students **MUST** report to Campus Reception to sign out before exiting the College. Parent Notified Absence via Parent Access Module (PAM) must be made prior to 9.00am.

Parents/Guardians are also kindly reminded that students involved in offsite activities (excursions, sport, etc.), are expected to return to the College for dismissal. Parents/Guardians are encouraged not to present to venues, requesting early dismissal for their child from supervising staff.

THIS MONTH IN *Mission*

2023

8 February	Student Council Meeting
12 February	Classes of 1964 - 1974 Reunion
13 February	DRC Youth Ministry Meeting
14 February	College Assembly
14 February	DSC Youth Ministry Meeting
14 February	Student Council Investiture
16 February	DRC Be More Meeting
16 February	Online Prayer Session
17 February	DSC Be More Meeting
17 February	World Day of Social Justice Prayer Service
20 February	Junior School Council Meeting
21 February	DSC Youth Ministry Meeting
22 February	DSC Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
22 February	DRC Youth Ministry Meeting
23 February	DRC Lenten Prayer Service
23 February	DRC Be More Meeting
23 February	Liturgy Planning Meeting
24 February	DSC Be More Meeting
27 February	Melbourne Secondary Youth Leadership Conference
27 February	DRC Youth Ministry Meeting
28 February	DCS Youth Ministry Meeting
28 February	College Conversation



DAVISSON STREEET CAMPUS

Year 12 Interviews

Students from Year 12 have been undertaking “mini-interviews” with our career staff over the last few weeks. The Year 12’s filled in a short survey to help identify their current level of thinking and preparation for their future pathways before their short meetings with staff. Students received advice in their interviews, and some have decided to make appointments for full interviews at a later date.

DALTON ROAD CAMPUS

Career Interviews

Have you started talking about future careers with your child? Any student from Years 7, 8 or 9 is welcome to make a booking and attend a free 45-minute Careers Interview with a qualified practitioner. This service can cost up to \$300 per hour on the open market so take advantage of this opportunity to discuss your future career! Students are welcome to attend if they have a clear career goal in mind and want some assistance on how to reach this; they are just as welcome if they really do not know where to start and are just curious about anything that is related to careers. Making a booking is easy. Simply click on the “Careers” link in Simon and this will take you to a “bookings” button. Students who make a booking will receive a confirmation email and be asked to fill in a very brief survey both before and after their appointment. The Careers Office is in Room C111, which is upstairs in the new Cooida building. Go through room C109 to find it.



Fees Office

We take this opportunity to remind all families that the Fees Office is available to assist with any questions you may have with regards to Tuitions Fees and all other charges.

For assistance with your queries, we encourage you to please contact the Fees Office via either fees@stmonicas-epping.com or tel: 94098800.

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

CSEF application forms can be lodged at Augustine House, Dalton Road Campus prior to **23 June, 2023**.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.educationvic.gov.au/csef

LIBRARY NEWS

Faculty Leaders



Mrs Hiho



Mrs Anderson

Meet the LSF TEAM



Mrs Andrews



Mrs Pattison



Mrs Elbarbar



Mrs Leach



Ms Combrink



Mrs Johnson



Mrs Carbone



Mrs Hall



Ms Rogers



Mrs Kremers



Mrs Weate



Ms Stratton



Mrs Douglas



DRC Photo Day 2023

Dalton Road Campus - Wednesday, 22 February 2023

All orders are to be placed online via the ARP website. Information about ordering is attached. Cash payments will not be accepted.

YEAR LEVEL ARRANGEMENTS

DRC Years 7 - 9: Sports & Assembly Hall

Every student must proceed from the group shot to the individual portrait area, as every student will receive a new ID card.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

St Monica's College Dalton Road Campus

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

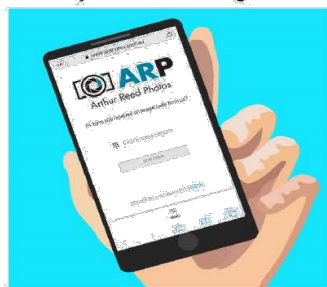
There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

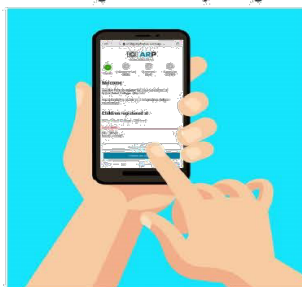
When you receive your child's 2023 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

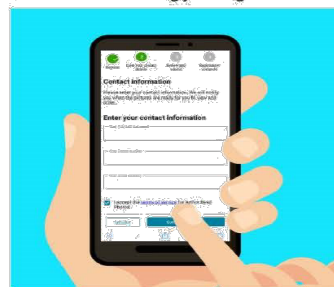
1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2023 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 ****



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SETTLING INTO

St Monica's College, Epping

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH

5.30PM - 7.00PM

THEATRE OF ALL NATIONS

The presentation addresses the following topics:

- Common challenges that your child may face during the transition from primary to secondary school
- How St Monica's College supports your child during their transition to secondary school
- How you can support your child's transition into secondary school
- How you can support regular attendance
- What you can do if your child is being bullied
- Information about your child's development in the adolescent years.



RSVP ONLINE

www.stmonicas-epping.com/rsvp



The 9 STEM Education and Values Education Collaboration

St Monica's College aims to be a leading STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) school both locally and globally.

In February this year, the Coordinator of Values Education Mr Zucchet visited the 9 STEM classes to launch the global Social Enterprise Endeavor or SEE Plan program.

The SEE Plan presents a path for creating local and global engagement for 9 STEM students to create solutions to authentic real-world problems. Project solutions will be designed and produced by St Monica's College students, and the end users will be the school communities in Pakistan and the Philippines that St Monica's College works with through Values Education.

Mr Zucchet, Senior STEM Educator, Mr Kalantzis and STEM Educator Mr Birse are collaborating on this initiative between Values Education and STEM Education which puts our Monican Values into Action.

S.Kalantzis
Sn STEM Educator



Debaters Association of Victoria State Trials

Two students from Year 10, Dean Wu and Niko Shibata, participated in the Debaters Association of Victoria state team trials on Sunday, 12 February at Caulfield Grammar.

Against a field of students ranging from Year 10 to 12 they had to participate in two secret topic debates and present speeches of 6 to 8 minutes duration.

We wish these students well and hope they progress to the next stage.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

SMC
PRAY AND PERFORM

Special Enrolment Offer

FOR NEW STUDENTS

Available to any new students starting group lessons

- 5 complimentary trial lessons
- Discounted (half price) rate of \$9 per 30 minute lesson applied for the remainder of the first school year of music lessons
- Group lessons of 2 students
- Commitment of 15 lessons per semester
- Complimentary instrument hire for the first year

Choose from the following Instruments:

Flute	Double bass
Clarinet	Electric bass
Saxophone	Trumpet
Violin	Trombone
Viola	French horn
Cello	Tuba





Grades 4 - 6 Primary Schools
YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH

BOOK NOW ONLINE

www.stmonicas-epping.com/infonight

Tours - 5:00pm - 5.45pm
Information Session - 6:00pm

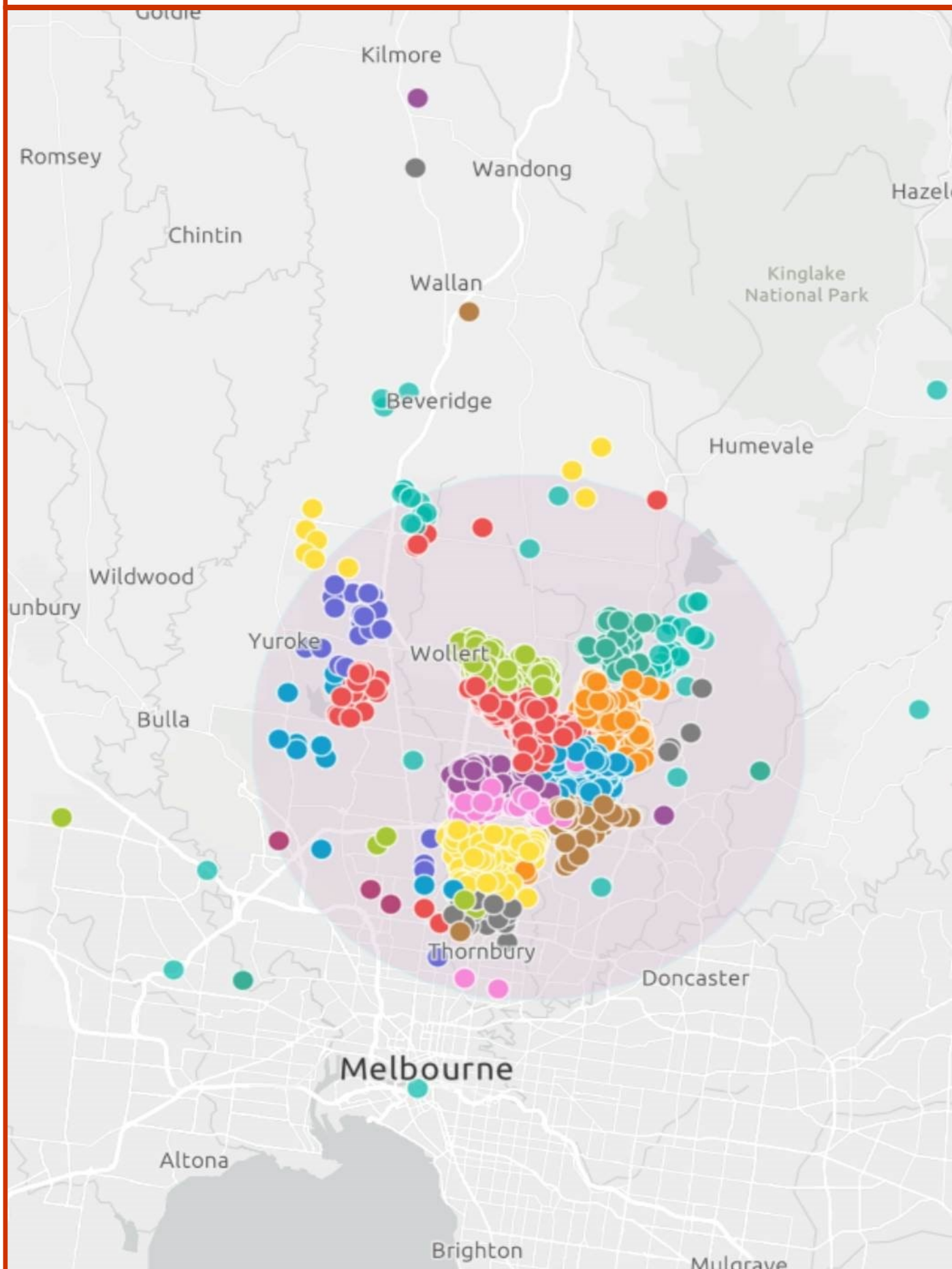


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2023 SMC Student Geo Map





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World of Sport

Dalton Road Campus Trials

AFL

Year 7 - Monday 27 February (3.30pm)

Netball - All at 3:30pm

Year 7 - Thursday 23 February

Year 8 - Friday 24 February

Football (NFA)

Year 7 & 8 Girls - Wednesday 1 March (7am)

Volleyball

Year 8/9 Boys & Girls - Friday 24 February (7am)

Year 7 Boys & Girls - Monday 27 February (8am)

Basketball (Boys)

Year 7 Boys - Monday 27 February (3:30pm)

Year 8/9 Boys - Tuesday 28 February (3:30pm)

Basketball (Girls)

Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls - Wednesday 1 March (3:30pm)

Tennis

Early - Mid March when courts are complete.
Announcements to follow soon.

Swimming

Friday 24 February. More announcements to follow in the coming week.

SACCSS Senior Futsal Results

Rd 1 vs MacKillop: 9-1 W
Rd 2 vs Emmanuel: 3-6 L
Rd 3 vs Thomas Carr: 17-1 W
Rd 4 vs Marymede: 3-4 L
Rd 5 vs CRC Sydenham: 6-3 W

SACCSS Senior Cricket & Netball Results

SACCSS Senior Cricket:
Round 1: 4/145 def Marymede 8/142 (20 overs)
Round 2: 94 def by CRC Sydenham 7/109

SACCSS Senior Netball:
Round 1: SMC 22 def by Marymede 22

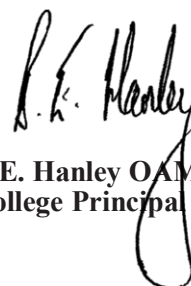
Year 10 Premier League Round 1 Results vs Emmanuel

Boys Basketball: 43-46
Boys Basketball B: 47-25
Girls Basketball: 31-30
Netball: 12-44
Boys Volleyball: 2-0
Girls Volleyball: 2-1
Boys Football: 1-0
Girls Football: 10-0

MARVELLOUS MONICANS

For the month of February, we award the Marvellous Monican to Khiana Giuliano (12 Red) and Vincent Barillaro (12 Purple).

Khiana and Vincent have recently been awarded the title of Academic Captains for 2023 at our Academic Honors Evening. The Academic Captains are awarded to the two students who display outstanding results in all subjects over their Year 11 year. Both these students are true examples of hard work, determination, and endeavour and are deserving of being named Marvellous Monicans. Well done, Khiana and Vincent!


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