



'NO FRIEND IS AS LOYAL AS A BOOK'

This is the engaging quotation of famous American novelist, Ernest Hemingway (1899 – 1961). Through these words, the world of literary delight is opened to us, welcoming us into the world of intrigue, mystery, story-telling, biography, adventure, crime, science fiction, and all the numerous genres of fiction and non-fiction.

Books have personalities all of their own. Some entice us into reading into the midnight hours; some are sharp, short ventures with differing plots; others transport us into mystical space, faraway lands, interesting lives well and badly lead, and others are pure and delightful fantasy.



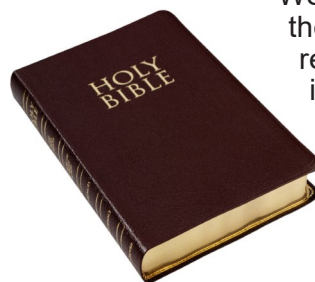
Books teach us through diverse characters and their thoughts and actions. Novels tell stories that entertain and draw us into situations we may never have imagined. Collections of short stories can be snippets of interest that combine to lead us into putting the story lines together as in a jigsaw puzzle.

Books come in a multitude of forms. Here is just a short scroll through the types of books on library shelves: religious books such as the Holy Bible; instructional books that teach us how to mend a car or a hole in a sweater; encyclopaedia that inform on a variety of topics; nonfiction tomes on history, geography, geometry or flower arranging; atlases and manuals; fiction writing either by famous novelists such as Hemingway or first time,

contemporary authors. Today we see graphic novels on the shelves and follow books online.

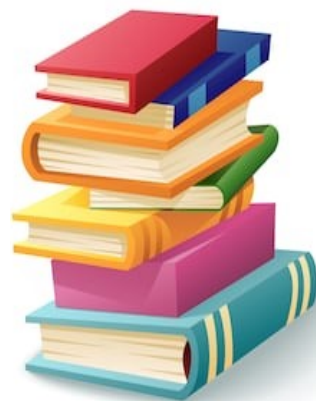
Reading is a learning priority for Monicans and every effort is made to ensure that students leave our College with skills that allow them to appreciate books and access all writing materials. All teachers are teachers of literacy is a statement all staff at the College hear regularly. In addition to formal English lessons, reading is developed and promoted where necessary through our Literacy Intervention Program and via our two beautiful and well-stocked libraries.

Whilst international figures demonstrate an increase in literacy levels worldwide, still millions of fellow human beings cannot read. This must remain a local, national and international concern about which Monicans should remain fully informed.



We know that Jesus read as the Bible presents Jesus reading scripture (and interpreting it) for the Pharisees and His disciples. We, in turn, ought to read the words of Jesus through the Gospels as written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The words of Jesus are the way to eternal life and salvation in the glory of Heaven. They are also the most powerful guideposts for our living worthwhile, generous and committed lives of service to others.

Hemingway was most probably 100% correct when he stated that books are loyal friends to humans. May Monicans gain great pleasure, relaxation and knowledge from having many books as friends.



WINTER UNIFORM

Parents are asked to read the College Planner and ensure that their children leave and arrive home wearing the correct winter uniform. This is a reminder that a long-sleeved sports top is now available from Academy Uniforms. Other garments should not be worn under the sports top.

Please consult the regulations on hair tidiness and length; jewellery; school bags; and make-up and nail polish prohibition.

GREASE PRODUCTION

Accolades galore for the cast, crew, musicians and staff involved in the wonderfully successful and popular production of *Grease* last term. Congratulations to all involved.

COLLEGE OPERATIONS GROUP

The College Operations Group (COG) is comprised of Mr Cameron Whitford, Deputy Principal (Operations); Mrs Alison Pisani (College Accountant and our Finance Office staff); Mr Matthew Browne (Manager of Property & Services and our Buildings & Grounds staff); Mrs Santina Giannetta (Manager of Administration staff and our Administration Office staff); Mr Michael Quilliam (Manager of Data Analysis and our Data Analysis Team members); Mr Matthew Byrne (Manager of Information Technology and our Information Technology staff members).

SINCE THE LAST EDITION:

School holidays; Start of Semester 2; Principal's Award for Public Speaking; Music Camp; Refugee Week; Year 9 Debating; MADD Auditions; Soup Van ministry; *Grease*; Staff Spirituality Day; College Board meeting; Year 9 Premier League; On the Edge (10 Green and Indigo); Meet the Employers Breakfast (Science); Sports (AFL, Basketball, Futsal); Taipei Chinese Basketball Tournament; Inter-Faith Day; Youth Ministry Breakfast Club.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

- a. Births: Emma Sheehan (Mya Louise); Jack Beeche (Billie and Ella); Giulia Mammarella (Archie); Gabrielle Crowley (Darcy); Sarah Malseed (Sophie); Jian Samuel (Ascher Hai) – and their partners.
- a. Bereavements: mother of Lorna Maloney; mother of Judith Bon; father of Jenny Strati; father of Heather Newby. May their souls rest in peace.

- a. New staff to welcome: Ms Erin Banister (Library); Mr Dean Hughes (Timetabler); Mrs Alison Pisani (College Accountant); Mrs Diana Murphy (Counselling); Mr Oliver Jones (Counselling); Mr Shaun Nicholls (DRC).
- a. Resignations: Mrs Trish Lamb (Payroll Officer); Ms Amelia Smith (Basketball Coach); Ms Claudia Kurrle (DRC).
- a. Staff Member of the Month for June is Mr Daniel Rischitelli for his readiness to take over the year level leadership of Year 8 for an extended period of time due to unavoidable circumstances. His attention to detail, busy work schedules and his talented and pastoral leadership are much appreciated.



ENROLMENTS

Attention Parents of Year 5 Students.

Please note that **Year 7 2021** enrolments will close on Friday, 23 August 2019. Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2021 – 2023.

For further enquiries, please contact the College Registrar Mrs Enza Sinopoli, on 9409 8444.

SUBJECT SELECTION & SUBJECT EXPO

2019 Subject Expo will be held on Wednesday, 31 July 2019, from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Sports and Assembly Hall on Dalton Road Campus.

All Year 9 and Year 10 students will conclude the school day at lunchtime on this day and are invited to come at a time convenient to the Expo.

TERM 3 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES YEARS 7 – 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Years 7 – 12 will be held on Thursday 8 August and Tuesday 13 August from 2.30 pm – 8pm on Dalton Road Campus. Bookings can be made by using the Parent Access Module (PAM) system from 11.00 am on Wednesday 31 July using your log on details received previously – please refer to your fridge magnet. If you require any assistance please contact the College on 9409 8800. Students will conclude at lunchtime (1.13 pm) on both days.

BEHIND THE ROSTRUM

c. Principal's Award for Public Speaking

The annual Principal's Award for Public Speaking was held on the evening of Thursday 18 July in the Theatre Of All Nations. Nine students presented a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. The following students were finalists, Anika Nicholapillai (7 Silver), Manju Vettrivel Malathi (7 White), Heli Bhavsar (8 Silver), Sienna Bartolomeo (9 Blue), Theodora Mandaza (10 White), Leanne Sebastian (10 Mauve), Mila Spirovski (10 Mauve), Grace McFarlane (11 Red) and Mandy Petros (12 Gold).

The award consists of four prize categories, the Principal's Encouragement Award, the best Senior and Junior Speaker and the best Overall Speaker. The Principal's Encouragement award was awarded to Sienna Bartolomeo, the best Junior Speaker was awarded to Anika Nicholapillai, the best Senior Speaker was awarded to Leanne Sebastian and the best Overall Speaker was awarded to Mandy Petros. Thanks and credit to each individual student for the work and effort they made towards ensuring this year's award was of the highest quality.

b. Year 9 Debating Competition

The annual Year 9 interclass debating competition culminated in the grand final debate held in the Theatre of All Nations on Friday 28 June. The grand final was contested between 9 Purple (affirmative) and Year 9 White (negative). The topic of the debate was 'That convicted criminals should not be allowed

to publish accounts of their crimes'. The result was indicative of a closely fought contest. The adjudicator, Ms Kate Molony awarded the debate to Year 9 Purple. The best speaker award went to Rayan Randeniya (Year 9 Purple). Congratulations goes to the following students from each grand final team; Kyle Elias, Rayan Randeniya, Chantelle Mansour, Thao Dao, Nikolas Mitsinikos and Danny Song (Year 9 Purple). Troy Diza, Hung Tran, Nicholas Jong Nguyen, Livinia Le and Vivian Nguyen (Year 9 White). Well done to the students Year 9 Blue and Year 9 Brown on qualifying for the semi-finals; Ava Villella, Sienna Bartolomeo, Julian Tsobanopoulos, Bernice Castillo, Chiara Novembre, Luka Zekanovic, Aviva D'Souza, Meshana Galgamuge and Layla Abbas.

A further thank you must go to the respective English teachers for their support of the competition as well as every student who participated towards making this year's competition exceptional.

c. Rostrum Voice of Youth Senior State Final

On Sunday 23 June, Leanne Sebastian (Year 10 Mauve) competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Senior state final at St Kevin's College, Toorak. She competed against seven other students from various schools across the state. Leanne presented an 8-minute prepared speech to the topic 'Front & Centre' and followed this up with an impromptu speech of 3 minutes duration with only 15 minutes preparation time. Unfortunately, Leanne did not qualify for the national final. Well done to Leanne on representing SMC with enormous skill and pride.

THE JOURNEY PUBLICATION

Congratulations to all contributors to this SMC Religious Studies publication which is produced twice yearly. The Semester 1 edition was excellent and editor, Mr Joseph Capuana, and all contributors are to be commended in the highest terms.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

Year 11 at Merriang Developmental School:

Abigail Flordeliz; Keziah Iozzo; Long Pham

Year 9 at St Peter's Literacy:

Chantelle Mansour; Rayan Randeniya; Thehan Gunawardena; Adrian Bradford; Chloe Ahmar; Ari Tsangaris

Year 10 at Green Gables Aged Care:

Luzella Costa; Bella Ebrahim; Claudia Dalla Rosa; Madeleine Caputo

Year 8 at Caroline Chisholm Society:

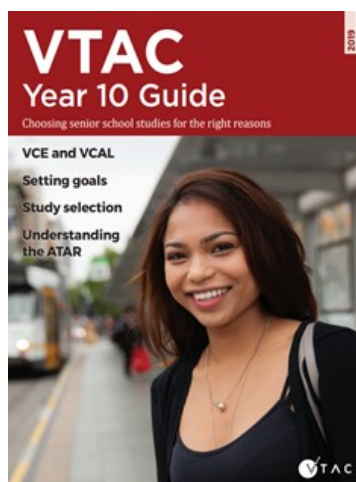
Tommy Ngo; Santhosh Matanan; Marc Mazzarella; Katerina Giachos.



CAREERS CORNER

Year 10 students have now been provided with two important booklets to help with their choices for Senior Secondary schooling.

The first is the **'VTAC Year 10 Guide: Choosing senior school studies for the right reason'**

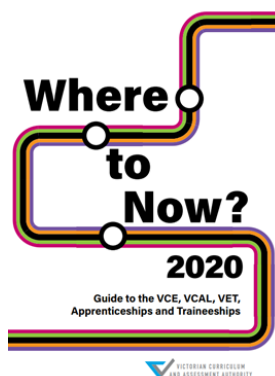


The 2019 VTAC Year 10 Guide provides information and activities to help Year 10 students identify their strengths and interests, research tertiary education and choose their senior school studies. It also provides information about the ATAR, Scaling and more. This is an important guide for students and

parents to assist them in selecting their VCE and VCAL studies for Year 11 and Year 12.

As from Tuesday 16 July the VTAC Prerequisite and Course Explorer program became 'live' and Year 10 students can electronically search for all the courses available to them in the year they enter

post-secondary education given their study selections. Instructions are available within the guide. Copies can be downloaded at http://www.vtac.edu.au/files/pdf/publications/2019_year_10_guide.pdf



The second is the VCAA **'Where to Now? 2020'** Guide contains information about the Senior Secondary qualifications available in Victoria and where these can lead after students have finished school. Copies are available to download at <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/wtn/2020WheretNow.pdf>

SMC PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



All students and staff are invited to enter the 2019 SMC Photography Competition. You are encouraged to start taking your photographs over the winter.

Theme: "Nature's Colours"
Categories: DRC, DSC, Staff
How to enter: Email a maximum of 5 photos to Mrs Ives - A.Ives@stmonicas-epping.com by Friday 16 August in response to the theme "Nature's Colours".

In the email please include: your full name, homeroom and the category you wish to enter.

Awards will be given for each category and the finalist will be displayed in the Chamberlin Art Gallery.

OUR 5 EXTERNAL SCULPTURES

They are: Monica Admirabilis (DRC building); Laudate Dominum (DSC Building); Futurum Australia (Sports & Assembly Hall); Sanctus Augustinus (Augustine House); Sophia (new Teaching, Learning & Administration Building, DSC).

These will be featured in the next edition of *The Monican*.

WORLD OF SPORT

SACCSS Senior Boys & Girls AFL Grand Finals

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Snr Girls AFL	4.4.28	def	4.1.25
Sport	SMC		CRC Sydenham
Snr Boys AFL	9.7.61	def by	9.8.62

SACCSS Senior Girls AFL Division 1 Champions



Best On Ground: Tallia Pulcino



SACCSS Junior Futsal Competition – Wednesday 26 June

On Wednesday 26 June our students represented St Monica's College, Epping at the SACCSS Junior Futsal Competition held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) and the PIT Building in Albert Park. In a great day for the College the Junior Boys were crowned champions.

The Junior Girls started off the day brilliantly, winning their first three games by big margins with Cristina Biasizzo starring with many goals on the board. They rounded off their undefeated group stage with a 4 - 0 victory over CRC St Albans to finish top of their pool. They then went on to face a very strong CRC Caroline Springs in the semi-final. CRC Caroline Springs scored the opening goal, before doubling their lead with four minutes to go. Talia Biasizzo got one goal back to make it 2 - 1 with three minutes remaining. Unfortunately for the girls, they could not find the equaliser as 2 - 1 was the final score. Caroline Springs were the eventual premiers, so our girls can be proud of what they achieved on the day with great teamwork and chemistry almost getting them to the grand final!

Over at the PIT Building our boys proved too strong for their group, smashing all teams as their

wonderful style of play was too much to handle. Sitting on top of their group, the boys were keen to make a statement in their semi-final against CRC North Keilor. A 3-1 half time lead looked like the boys were on their way to the grand finale, before two quick goals to CRC North Keilor with three minutes to go had the scores level. This game was going right down to the wire, chances for both teams in the final moments had both goalkeepers working overtime to keep the ball out of their own net. Up stepped Marcus Cibalevski, the Year 7 star slotted the winner with 15 seconds to go to send the boys into the grand final! Local rivals Marymede Secondary College played the boys in the Grand Final, with both teams looking to keep their undefeated records intact and walk away with the Premiers Shield. The scores were locked at 1 - 1 with 5 minutes to go, when Captain Athan Iliopoulos scored two goals in two minutes to hand the Monicans a 3 - 1 lead. The defence from our boys was too strong in the final minutes, the final score line reading 3 - 1 with our Junior boys crowned back to back Futsal champions. Congratulations to Athan Iliopoulos who was awarded Best On Ground medal in the Grand Final after his brace which helped get the team over the line.

SACCSS Junior Boys Champions:



SACCSS Junior Girls:



MARVELLOUS MONICANS

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PRESENTATION

Students from the Student Council and Junior Student Council presented to the Year 5 and Year 6 students of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Primary School as a part of their 'Dare to Lead' inquiry unit. Our students spoke about the characteristics of a leader, the ability for one to develop as a leader and why our College focuses on Servant Leadership. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop students were engaged throughout the presentation and quite inquisitive with our students fielding several questions at the end of the session.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see them out in the community talking about their experiences as leaders at SMC.



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