

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

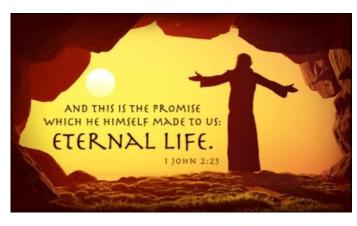


ST MONICA'S COLLEGE – A SCHOOL OF EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISE SERVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION TODAY AND TOMORROW

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DEATH—ENTRY INTO NEW LIFE



In the final edition of the Principal's Bulletin in Term 1, I wrote about Easter and how Easter is a time of New Life. Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried, and after three days He conquered death through His Resurrection and opened the Heavenly gates to new, eternal life. For Christians, death is final in our earthly existence, but eternal life is experienced once our human life concludes.



Lately, several well-known identities have passed away. Certainly the death of the Queen's husband, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh attracted extensive media coverage and many of us would have viewed the very beautiful funeral service that was conducted in St George's Chapel, Windsor on 17 April. Tributes flowed for Prince Philip.

At approximately the same time, former senior Australian politician and Australian Ambassador to the USA, Hon. Andrew Peacock died in Texas. Mr Peacock was a political leader of the Liberal Party,

Leader of the Opposition for two tenures, and a very highly regarded Foreign Minister. He has been praised by current political leaders and other dignitaries.

On 14 April 2021, former Principal of St Monica's College, Epping, Sister Therese Quinn sgs died peacefully. Sister Therese was Principal in the period 1976 – 1985 and it was during her time as Principal that Dalton Road Campus was purchased and established, and coeducation introduced into Monican life. These were mighty achievements for which she will always be remembered with gratitude and much affection.

We are called to lead a life of service to others, to maintain a healthy respect for ourselves, others, and for truths to which we adhere, and to act to make our world a safer, happier more equitable place for all persons. The task is great, but daily effort eventually pays off.

Our life on earth, for many, has a spiritual component – a relationship with our God. That varies and is lived out specifically according to the faith we have. In the Christian belief, God is Creator through the Father, Saviour through Jesus, and Wisdom through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our relationship with God is strengthened, renewed, and lived out daily through prayer and personal perseverance to be a good person and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. These are Monican values.

No one knows precisely what eternal life will involve. That is the mystery of life lived here and now. Faith assures us that eternal life will be all-good, all-lasting and all-encompassing. There is no need for fear.



Death comes upon humans in different ways, for different reasons. No one escapes it. Monicans are promised New Life through death: all the faithful departed are blest as they rejoice forever with the One who created them.

Brian Hanley College Principal



YEAR 7, 2023 - INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Primary Schools Information Night will be held on the Dalton Road Campus with tours starting at 5.45 pm on Tuesday, 18 May. Come along and receive information about:

- How and when to Enrol
- Our vast curriculum and co-curricular programmes
- Wellbeing
- Educational Support
- Transition into Year 7 and more.

Bookings essential. <u>www.stmonicas-epping.com/2023</u>



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) 2021 \$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 2021 if any of these changes have occurred.

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2021 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2020
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

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 (27 January 2021) or term two (19 April 2021).

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 25 June 2021 for eligibility. For more information regarding the CSEF, visit www.educationvic.gov.au/csef

For any further queries, please contact the Finance Office on 9409 8800.

TERM 2 DATES

April 30	Principal's Shield for Chess
May	
3	Year 11 Studio Arts Exhibition
5	Year 10 Immunisations
6	College Assembly
10	Monicans in May Concert
11 – 21	NAPLAN Testing
14	Semester 1 Dance Showcase
20	Principal's Ribbon for Cookery
28	Year 11 and 12 Theatre Production Evening

June

1 – 10 Year 10-11 Examinations
7 Year 12 Studio Arts Exhibition
8 – 10 Years 8 - 9 Examinations

9 GAT

11 Report Writing Day (Student Free)
 14 Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday

15 Changeover Electives 7-10 – Start of Units 2

and 4

16 – 20 College Production 23 Principal's Art Prize 25 End of Term 2

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day 2021 was commemorated on Sunday, 25 April. We at St Monica's College remember those who died in the line of service to peace and security of Australia and New Zealand. We pray for those many families and friends left behind due to the causalities of various wars across many generations. Lest we forget.



COLLEGE UNIFORM

At St Monica's College we pride ourselves on the proud wearing of our College uniform. This important aspect of College life depends on the cooperation of students, the support of parents, and the vigilance of staff to ensure adherence to the uniform rules.

The response to this statement is quite excellent across the College. However, I have decided to reproduce page 29 of our College Planner in this edition of the Principal's Bulletin to remind us all of exactly what is required.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

Girls' Uniform (summer)

Please refer to Page 29 of the Student Planner 2021

- Glamorgan fabric blue/white striped dress in polyester/cotton, raglan sleeve, front pleat, action back, side pocket with zip. Collar to be worn outside the jumper
- Plain white socks (below the knee). No short tennis style anklet socks. All socks must be above the ankle
- Black lace-up school shoes, e.g. 'Bata Blues' without silver or any colour eyelets and without platform soles, or raised heels
- Blue scoop-necked jumper, embroidered with the College emblem
- Pure wool, lined blazer with College emblem on pocket
- ALL girls' dresses and skirts are to be worn on or below the knee.

Girls' Uniform (Winter)

- Regulation wool blend St Monica's skirt worn on or below the knee, in blue, grey and gold check
- Female trousers (optional)
- White, long-sleeved, peter-pan collar school shirt
- Blue scoop-necked jumper, embroidered with the College emblem.
- Grey tights (2TT's brand- light grey)
- Black lace-up school shoes, e.g. 'Bata Blues' (as Summer Uniform)
- Pure wool, lined blazer with College emblem on pocket
- Grey College scarf, beanie and grey gloves (optional). No other items are permitted.

Boys' Uniform (Summer)

- White peaked collar regulation shirt (Fairmark or Midford), long or short- sleeved, buttoned to the neck
- Regulation mid-grey school trousers with grey or black socks
- Optional Plain grey shorts with grey socks. (NB. Black socks may not be worn with shorts)
- Regulation black leather belt with plain buckle
- Blue scoop-necked jumper, embroidered with College emblem on pocket

- Pure wool, lined blazer with College emblem on pocket
- Plain black lace-up school shoes without silver or any colour eyelets
- No short tennis style anklet socks. All socks must be above the ankle.
- · College Tie.

Boys' Uniform (Winter)

- As above (NB no shorts in winter)
- Grey College scarf, beanie and grey gloves (optional). No other items are permitted.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (All students)

- Regulation track suit with the College emblem embroidered on jacket and pants
- Blue polo sport shirt (short or long sleeved) with College emblem and striped collar
- Plain white sport socks only. All socks must cover the ankle and be visible above the sports shoes
- Sport shoes with non-marking soles. Casual canvas shoes and boot style runners may not be worn
- Shorts (if worn) regulation royal blue sports shorts with College emblem
- College Cap
- Track suit pants must not be twisted around the ankles
- Sports uniform is to be worn only on days when students have P.E. or sports lessons. Full tracksuits must be work to and from school. Students are not permitted to wear skivvies, hoodies or other visible tops beneath the P.E. uniform.

How the uniform is worn is critically important. Students must wear it with pride and in accordance with the rules. Students will be reminded of regulations in addition to the uniform including deportment, personal grooming and demeanour in public and on the school grounds.

COLLEGE OPERATIONS GROUP (COG) REPORT

When contacting the College via phone you will notice that we have refined the phone options to provide a more direct approach to being able to speak to the correct person. Please be patient as at times Campus Receptions can be quite busy. If a staff member does not have a voicemail, please contact myself directly and I will follow up on your behalf.

Construction Update

As was communicated in term one the College is constructing two new buildings on the Dalton Road Campus. A new Year 9 Building, replacing the current Cooinda space and a new STEM Building behind the Sports and Assembly Hall. This project is on schedule and in the following months will see concrete slabs poured, surrounding drainage works completed and by June steel will be erected for the framework. The College is providing extra staff on duty during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal to assist with student safety and traffic flow.

As there is no parking in the car parks please follow all local council guidelines and instructions when dropping off or picking up your children.

COVID Restrictions

As restrictions have eased in the State the College continues to follow all now routine hygiene and safety standards. Currently masks are not mandatory in schools, but students are reminded to wear masks on public transport. Sanitiser is still supplied as is disinfectant in classroom areas. In Term 2 the College will be hosting more events as per capacity guidelines with QR codes required for check in upon arrival. If staying at the College for a meeting longer than 15 minutes you are required to sign in and out of the relevant College reception.

CAREERS CORNER

a. Work Experience

At St Monica's College, students in Years 10, 11 or 12 can apply to complete one week of Work Experience during allocated times. Work Experience involves secondary school students in short-term industry placements which broadens their experience in understanding the world of work and career opportunities. Placements with parents or immediate family are not recommended.



Beginning this year, our Year 10 Pre-VCAL students, as part of their studies, will be undertaking work experience during the exam periods at mid-year and at the end of the year. Their first placement this year will be from Tuesday 1 June to Friday 11 June. Miss Maloney and the Careers Department staff have been working with them to prepare them for the upcoming placement. They are all very eager to get out into workplaces, with many already securing a position and now finalising the necessary paperwork.

We trust that the work experiences will be rewarding for our Year 10 pre-VCAL students during the exam periods and any other students who choose to undertake a placement during the holiday periods advertised on the flier.

NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2021

Students in Years 7 – 12 who have an interest in History are invited to enter the National History Challenge. This year's theme is "Significance: History Matters" and students are invited to write an individual research essay, create a 3D model or choose another method of presenting. For more information, please visit www.historychallenge.org.au or email Mrs Turner. Entries close on 27 August.

OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES

a. Book Returns

A very big thank you to all the students who have returned their holiday loans. The number of books returned have been fantastic!

There are still a few students who have books overdue from last term, so please be sure to check your emails daily to see if you need to return your books; if so please do so as soon as possible to avoid being charged the replacement cost. If you have a problem, be sure to speak to a Library staff member.

Did you know that Library staff are constantly selecting new titles for your pleasure reading? Please be sure to call in and obtain for yourself another great book. Happy reading.

b. <u>Ultimate Quiz Challenge Winner</u>

The Ultimate Quiz Challenge winner from the last week in Term 1 is Luca Thomas (Year 7 Purple). The Quiz will continue this term. Check the questions for the week at the Pamela Coyne Library loans desk each morning. Entries need to be submitted by Friday afternoon at 3.30 pm. Good luck for Term 2.

FEEDBACK on EVENTS

There is a standing invitation to parents to provide feedback comments to the College on matters affecting school life, their individual child, or other school related matters. Please never feel that 'the door is closed' on receiving comments and suggestions. An example is Parent/Teacher Conferences.

BEAUTIFUL INDIA



St Monica's College celebrates the diversity, which exists within our community. In 2021, the College will introduce 'Beautiful India', which aims to celebrate the colour and beauty of this culture in our community.

To commence the process, parents are offered an opportunity to contribute and be a part of the planning. If this is an opportunity you would like to be a part of, please register your interest with Mrs Nella Grech (n.grech@stmonicas-epping.com) by Friday 30 April. A time for the interested group to meet will be arranged in the near future.

PRINCIPAL'S ART PRIZE

A reminder that the Principal's Art Prize date has been moved to Wednesday, 23 June 2021. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Visual Arts students at the end of Term 2.

HEALTH REPORT

Become a Blood Donor Blood is Surprisingly Versatile.

- The blood you donate can be made into 22 different medical treatments
- It does not cost anything to donate blood
- It only takes about an hour
- Refreshments and rest are offered after the donation
- You will feel great because you are saving lives.





Every two seconds







St Monica's College Music Department invites you to





Monicans in May

Ensemble Music Concert

Monday, 10 May 2021 at 7pm
Theatre Of All Nations, Dalton Road Campus

This concert will feature the following ensembles:







Senior Vocal Ensemble



Junior Band

Stage Band

Senior String Ensemble

Junior String Ensemble

Drum Ensemble
Saxophone Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
Senior Rock Band
Junior Rock Band
Junior Guitar Ensemble
Senior Guitar Ensemble





Book Online now at www.stmonicas-epping.com/monicans-in-may





If you would like more information about Business Connect, please contact Jordan Hodges at the Promotions and Events Department: <u>J.Hodges@stmonicas-epping.com</u>



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SPORT

The first week back was a busy week in sport for the College. Senior Boys AFL played their first game against Marymede on Tuesday; Year 7 students competed in their first ever round of Premier League on Wednesday and the Year 10 Boys Basketball B team played their grand final on Thursday. Various Basketball teams also competed in the state-wide 3v3 competition at the State Basketball Centre

The Senior Boys AFL team battled out a tough game against Marymede in wet conditions and unfortunately ended up on the wrong end of a 11.8.74 – 3.10.28 score line. With 6 - 8 key players missing through injury, the boys fought well and had plenty of the football but could not convert these opportunities on the scoreboard. Liam Hagen, Max Tatter and Christian Pappas were the standouts on the day.

The Year 10 Boys Basketball B squad travelled out to Salesian to compete in their grand final. Despite the efforts from our boys, Salesian managed to hold on for a point victory 36 - 35. Our boys fought and fought all day, reeling in multiple seven, eight point leads to give themselves a chance all day but just could not quite get over the line.

The Year 7 cohort competed in their first ever round of Premier League. In a successful round, we won 6 out of the 8 games.

Results:

St Monica's	VS	Salesian
41	Boys Basketball	33
23	Girls Basketball	16
6	Boys Football	0
10	Girls Football	1
3	Boys Volleyball	0
3	Girls Volleyball	0
8	Netball	33
4.1.25	AFL	10.7.67





SR THERESE QUINN sgs R.I.P.





QUINN Sr Therese

The Principal, Staff and Students of St Monica's College, Epping are saddened by the passing of our former much loved Principal (1976 - 1985) on 14 April, 2021.

Sister Therese will be remembered for her establishment of the Dalton Road Campus and the introduction of coeducation to the College in 1978. R.I.P.

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



During the Easter break, Jude Georgievski (Year 10) was crowned the Under 17 Athletics Australia National Long Jump Champion. Jude joined the College this year and is a part of the Elite Athlete Development Program under the tutelage of Athletics Director, Thomas Wilson, and High Performance Coach, Joel Hocking. Jude had qualified for both the Triple Jump and Long Jump at the National Championships. In the Triple Jump, he finished a credible 4th place, just missing a medal. Going into his preferred Long Jump, Jude was expecting a top three finish and he jumped a personal best 6.85m to finish first in an all Victorian top 3. The win guarantees Jude a spot at National Championships for the next three years and also a place in the targeted Athlete Program for Athletics Australia. Congratulations Jude!





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