

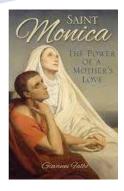
ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING Principal's Bulletin



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GREAT VALUE OF SAINTS



On Friday, 25 August we shall honor our patron, Saint Monica, at Mass. We undertake this pleasure as close to her feast day as possible which is 27 August annually, How fortunate that this wonderful saint was chosen by Archbishop Justin Simonds in 1963 to be the heavenly guardian of our school. Ever since, we have been blest.

Saint Monica provides so much for us. First, she is our identity through our College motto 'pray and persevere' which was chosen because this is what this holy woman demonstrated so profoundly in the latter half of the fourth century. Monicans will do very well to read more about her life and I recommend the book 'Saint Monica, The Power of a Mother's Love' by Giovanni Falbo as a good starting text. There are copies of that book and other books on Saint Monica in our libraries.

Saint Monica's life also relates to our mission to reach out to the world and to welcome in others to our school community. Just as she did so valiantly by crossing from the continent of Africa to Europe, so too have we been inspired to move from Epping and send Monicans to countries abroad such as Pakistan, the Philippines, Japan, United States of America, Cyprus, Italy, France, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. That is a very impressive roll call for a school in the northern suburbs to celebrate. We still await visits to Africa and South America, I hope.

School names are chosen for many reasons and not all Catholic Colleges are named after saints. Most Catholic Primary Schools are. In Melbourne we have Catholic Regional Colleges, names of significant religious places (as we have done with 'Ostia'), episodes from the Bible and the life of Christ, and some schools are named in honor of religious order founders and leading Catholics. All are worthy and respected titles.

At SMC we honor several other saints in addition to Saint Monica. These include Saint Mary (mother of Jesus and Blessed Virgin); Saint Joseph; Saint Benedict; Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first and only saint; Saint Augustine; Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat; Saint Bartholomew; and future saints Carlo Acutis and Chiara Badano.

What is the great value of saints? Amongst other things, saints provide us with someone to whom to pray; best and holy example; inspiration to love God just as they did; a wonderful life which we might choose to emulate; and icons, words and actions to 'spend reflective time with' in the course of our attendance here as daily Monicans.

Monicans, Saint Monica will be honored throughout this month of August as we pray to her and seek her ever faithful guidance and support.

I pray that our community will experience a joyful, happy and most engaging St Monica's Week 2023.

Brian E. Hanley OAM B.A., Dip. Ed. Grad. Dip. Ed. Admin., M.Ed., MACE, FACEL College Principal



St Teresa of Calcutta is well known and well loved for her burning passion for the poorest of the poor. Many admired her for her charity work and her heart for serving others. We celebrate her feast day on 5 September.



In times of physical or emotional distress, turning to the healing saints can provide solace, hope and renewed faith. These holy men and women, who have earned a reputation for their intercession in matters of health and well-being, offer us a source of comfort and strength.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

College Life

As members of a vibrant community such as St Monica's College, Epping, it is important that participation, respect for others and engagement are regularly considered.

When members of a community come together to celebrate, to commemorate or support each other through positive encounters or challenges, there is strength generated and the operative term is unity. There is unity within community.

Our recent Term 3 Assembly was an excellent opportunity to highlight the many outstanding contributions of Monican students and staff, and to share in that recognition of our peers and colleagues. It is, however, somewhat disappointing when an opt out attitude begins to permeate. When a stance is taken to not partake in College rituals that bring us together to celebrate and acknowledge achievements that can only serve to inspire us to do more, be more and aim high, the individuals who have removed themselves from these opportunities, place themselves at a great disadvantage and begin to disconnect.

College life is about participation, presence, and service. Whether you happen to be the recipient of an award, the reader of a prayer, the classmate who is proud of their friend's achievement or whether you are the role model Monican who enacts the values of this College day to day, your attendance and contribution at College events is testimony that you are an active contributor to St Monica's College, Epping.

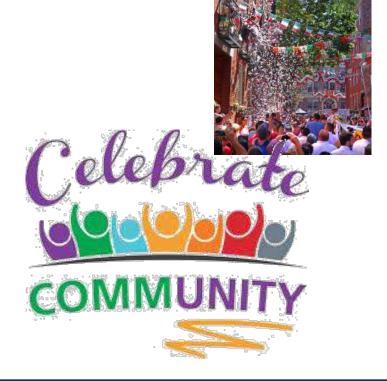
I respectfully ask that College events are supported by all Monican students, parents, and staff. An opt out attitude is not a Monican value and nor should it be accepted. As we prepare for our eagerly awaited St Monica's Week, members of our College community are requested to partake in activities, celebrations, and services. Some events are open to parent involvement and others are exclusively for students and staff.

Parents, please ensure your child is available and free of external commitments on St Monica's Day for the entire day. It is an expectation that students will attend and partake in the celebration of Mass in the Sports and Assembly Hall at the Dalton Road Campus in the morning, and this will confirm their participation in the afternoon festivities. Students are not to present to the Dalton Road Campus after Mass, requesting and expecting access.

College life is all-encompassing and participatory. To condone an opt out attitude or support an absence that can be avoided, is not the Monican way. We look forward to the contribution and celebration of all Monicans in the important week ahead, where as a community, we honour our beloved St Monica, and aspire to always replicate her virtues of prayer and perseverance.

Miss P Di Maria Executive Deputy Principal





St Monica's Day

St Monica's Day will be celebrated on Friday, 25 August. This is one of the most significant days in our year. It is a time when we pause to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful legacy that has been gifted to us by our beloved Patron, Saint Monica.

Many of our students are yet to experience a St Monica's Day in its traditional format. As a community we look forward to sharing the joy and fun that this day brings. The day will begin with our Feast Day Mass followed by lunch and the much-anticipated carnival rides.

Our students will receive further information at Year Level Assemblies and during morning homeroom over the coming weeks. It is important that they pay attention to details that are specific to their individual year level. We take this opportunity to remind families of the following details:

- ♦ All students commence the day at Dalton Road Campus and must be on College grounds by 8:45 am.
- The College will not be accessible once Mass has started and students will not be permitted entry after Mass. For security reasons, the College gates will not be open.
- Full College Uniform must be worn. Students are not permitted to wear PE uniform under any circumstances.
- When students arrive on campus, they are to drop their bags in the area they have been allocated. Students are advised to not store valuable items in their school bags.
- Students will be dismissed at approximately 2:30pm.

We look forward to St Monica's Day with great anticipation.

Ms A Xerri DRC Campus Leader







Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

A reminder to all Parents and Guardians, that parking in the allocated staff parking areas is not permitted. Students are reminded that they are not to walk through the staff car park before or after school hours, due to safety concerns.

Parents/Guardians are asked to not park over or block access to driveways at both Dalton Road and Davisson Street Campuses. We also kindly request for Parents and Guardians not to use the St Peter's Primary School drop off zone on Wedge Street. Due to ongoing council works, this is the only drop off zone for the St Peter's Primary School children.

As part of the College's 2022-2025 Reconciliation Acton Plan, the College has committed to raising funds for the Open the Doors foundation. The foundation supports First Nations children access educational opportunities by providing financial support for basic school supplies such as textbooks, uniforms and stationery. Members of our College community can learn more about the foundation's work and make a donation by accessing this link https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice





2024 Re-Enrolment

We invite you to re-enrol your child/children at St Monica's College, Epping for 2024. *Re-Enrolment 2024 is now open until Thursday, 31 August, 2023.*

Re-enrolment into Years 8 - 12 must be confirmed by submitting the Re-Enrolment Agreement form together with payment of a \$250 deposit per student which will be deducted from your 2024 Tuition fees. If your child does not return to the College in 2024, this deposit will not be refunded.

Submission of the Re-Enrolment Agreement form and payment of the re-enrolment deposit will be taken as acceptance that you are responsible for payment of the College fees for the forthcoming year as and when they fall due and for the finalisation of any current outstanding fees. Furthermore, College families need to abide by and support the College Ethos and regulations regarding uniform and conduct.

For steps on how to complete the online Re-Enrolment process, please refer to the Accessing and Utilizing the Community Portal section. Should you wish to complete this process in person, please complete the Re-Enrolment Agreement form and return it to College Reception at Augustine House together with re-enrolment deposit payment which can be made by way of either Cash, Cheque, EFTPOs or Credit Card.

For any queries or concerns relating to the re-enrolment process please contact the school via reenrolment@stmonicas-epping.com.

Accessing and Utilizing the Community Portal

The Finance & Business Department provides you with access to the Community Portal to provide you with up-to date access to your accounts at St Monica's College. The Community Portal allows you to make online payments directly onto your Fees or Additional Charges account, obtain a copy of payment receipts, view Monthly statements, update your credit card details and to pay your Re-Enrolment deposit.

The Community Portal can be accessed using the following link: https://commportal.stmonicas-epping.com

Alternatively, you can access the Community Portal using the following steps:

- 1. Go to the St Monica's College website
- 2. Choose the MY SMC tab
- 3. Choose "Community Portal" link
- 4. Enter in your username and password

If you are having difficulties logging into the Community Portal, select "forgot password" and you will receive an automatically generated email. If this does not work, please contact the school at 9409-8800.

To pay your Re-Enrolment deposit use the following steps:

- 1. Choose the Events tab
- 2. Select "Attending" to Re-Enrol for each student
- 3. Follow the payment prompts
- 4. Complete the process again for any remaining students
- 5. After re-enrolment deposit has been made on the Community Portal, follow the hyperlink to take you to the Re-Enrolment Agreement Form: https://stmonicascollege.formstack.com/forms/ re enrolment agreement

To pay an outstanding account use the following steps:

- 1. Choose the Payments tab
- 2. Select "Account Payment"
- 3. Choose the linked account from the drop-down box that you would like to pay, eg: Tuition or Additional charges

To access receipts and monthly statements use the following steps:

- 1. Choose the Finance tab
- 2. Choose the linked account from the drop-down box that you would like to view eg: Tuition or Additional charges
- 3. Select the PDF Icon to download any receipt or statement.



DRC

Career Appointments and SMC Careers Site

The Careers Office on DRC continues to be busy with many students coming in for appointments to discuss their future aspirations and to check their subject selections. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are welcome to come in for an appointment. To book, please follow the links from Simon/Links/Careers/Book an Appointment, or simply click here. There is a wealth of up- to- date information on our careers site that includes quizzes and other resources to help students to proactively begin the life -long process of career management from today!



DSC

University Open Days

At the moment Universities are running their open days for future students. Students in Years 10 to 12, these are for you. They are a great way to experience the "feel" of various universities as they are all a little different. It is also a great way for you to gather information about courses you may be interested in and to meet some of the staff. For some students, open days can be highly motivating and can also help them to clarify their sense of direction and goals for the future. Strongly recommended: Click here for a list of open days.

Physiotherapy at ACU Ballarat

Physiotherapy is a very popular course as it allows students who enjoy science and sport to potentially work in a sports-related field that has a strong pathway. It is also extremely competitive to gain entrance into. It may therefore be helpful for SMC students to know that ACU's Bachelor of Physiotherapy at its Ballarat Campus will now be taking applications through the ACU Guarantee. Applications for round one of the ACU Guarantee closes on 21 August. The ATAR for Physiotherapy is 86.90 for Ballarat – if students apply for this course through ACU Guarantee and are successful, the ATAR requirement is removed completely, along with the English prerequisite.



THIS MONTH IN

Mission

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Be More Meeting.

Staff Spirituality Seminar

DSC Youth Ministry Meeting

Community Service Oxacare Program

Junior Council Meeting

DRC Youth Ministry Meeting

Be More Meetings

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Senior Council Meeting

DRC Youth Ministry Meeting

DSC Student Archives Committee Meeting

Be More Meetings

College Conversation

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DRC Be More Meeting

St Monica's Day

Community Service Oxacare Program

Senior Council Meeting

DRC Youth Ministy Meeting

Community Cook Up

DRC Be More Meeting



On Friday, 4 August sixteen students represented St Monica's College, Epping in the Zonal Chess Tournament at Wesley College. There were 99 players in total representing 7 schools. St Monica's College finished in third place behind Richmond High School and Wesley College, with the top five schools very close together at the top of the leaderboard.

We had a number of individual award winners: Luke Gigliotti was the individual senior (Year 11 and 12) open gold medallist, Angella Dcunha was the girls overall gold medallist, Gabrielle Malaga was the girls overall silver medallist and Justin Taduran was the senior open bronze medallist.

A number of St Monica's students have qualified for State Finals to be held in October: Luke Gigliotti, Cruze De Giorgio, Justin Taduran, Eric Tun, Angella Dcunha and Ekin Dang have all qualified for the Open Secondary State Finals, while Angella has also qualified for the Girls Secondary State Finals along with Gabrielle Malaga.

Congratulations to those students along with other team members Dean Wu, Peter Kakoliris, Mark Touma, Max Mircevski, Huy Nguyen, Bradley Storer, Manan Ahuja, Lachlan Brundell and Ansh Aulakh.

Mr D Strantzen Chess Co-Ordinator



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War Memorial Box



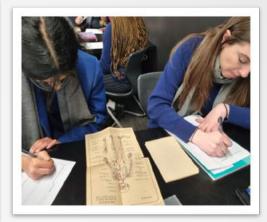
Enjoying curriculum plays an important role in the Libraries here at SMC.

Year10 History students recently had the opportunity to examine primary sources dating from World War II in SJQ Library sessions.

Students enjoyed a hands-on session questioning, reflecting and learning about the items from the War Memorial Box on loan from the Australian War Memorial. The students gained new knowledge and understandings about WWII and how Australia was involved in the war.

Students reported that they found the session valuable as it deepened their knowledge and appreciation of Australia's involvement.





War Memorial Box

Once again at PCL, we have been able to showcase the wonderful work of our students. In particular, the Year 7 HORIZONS class have annually presented a display around the novel Runner by Robert Newton. Their work is always exemplary, and this year has been no exception. The students dressed in the character of the Runner book, photos were taken from which they then made Wanted Posters, and then each student made three character dolls from the novel.

Well done to Mrs Murphy and her Year 7 HORIZONS students.







Creativity Shines Through Year 7 Religious Education, Stained Glass Window, STEM Project



Our Year 7 students embarked on an inspiring educational journey that beautifully merged Religious Education and STEM. Inspired by the St. Monica's College's theme "Let Your Light Shine Bright" and the stained-glass windows in Catholic cathedrals, this project embodied creativity and learning.

Guided by our Religious Education teachers, students went on a creative exploration that fused Religion and STEM. Inspired by the captivating stained-glass windows, they crafted their own stained glass window designs. These designs not only aligned with the theme but also showcased their creativity.

Students employed, design, and collaboration to create stained glass window designs that captured the essence of the college theme. Through meticulous placement of shapes and the strategic use of colour, their laser cut, designs echoed the radiance of stained-glass windows.

This project extended students' skills as they delved into, interpreting the college theme in the style of the cathedral windows. The intricate process honed their problem-solving and teamwork, transforming creative visions into reality.

The project celebrated our students' capacity to excel across disciplines, underscoring that Religious Education and STEM enrich their learning and enable connections across disciplines showcasing the harmony of faith, knowledge, and imagination in their stained-glass window designs. Special thanks to Mr Fleischmann, Mr De Cata and the Year 7 students.

Mr S Kalantzis Senior STEM Educator

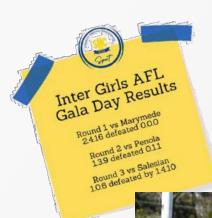








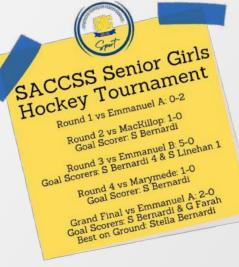
World of Sport



















Dance Academy

Want to try new dance styles and improve your technical skills? Take part in a Dance Academy Masterclass!

All abilities welcome to join free classes hosted by industry professionals in the Theatre of All Nations from 3.45pm until 4.45pm.

Any questions or queries, please contact Ms N Gates or Ms L Falcone.





VCE VET Dance Audition Day

A core component of the VCE VET Dance course is to provide students with opportunities to develop and exercise industry specific knowledge and skills. Our Registered Training Organisation, Dance Training Organisation, facilitated an Audition Workshop at The Space Dance & Arts Centre in Prahan. Dancers were able to select from three audition briefs in either the style of Jazz, Street or Contemporary.

The day consisted of registration, warm up and a two hour intense audition workshop. During the workshop, applicants learnt a technically challenging routine and performed through multiple audition rounds to 'potentially' be casted. I would like to congratulate Tara Grima (Year 11) for securing a final spot in the Street EC Entertainment company, Tasha Dobrzynski (Year 11) for her commendation in Jayden Hicks Opus Company and Angelique Ozzimo (Year 12) for getting to the 2nd last round of the Willy Wonka castings

with Sheridan Anderson. To conclude the day, the students participated in an insightful Q&A with industry great

Mr Ian White, Director of Ian White Management.

Well done to all Years 11 and 12 SMC Dancers.















On Monday, 31 July, St Monica's College welcomed four Principals from South Korea. Today, South Korean schools are looking for strategies to assist in their quest to becoming more environmentally conscious. St Monica's is recognised for our excellent work in sustainability, led by Mr B Coleman. After their short visit, the Principals left with new knowledge and strategies they could implement in their schools. They were grateful for the opportunity and impressed by our College's processes and resources.



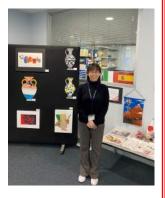




Takada High School — Welcome Mana

The College was excited to welcome Mana Nakai from Takada High School in August. SMC has a strong and long friendship with Takada High School spanning almost 30 years. Our relationship stems from our SMC-Takada homestay program, that has enriched our community. We look forward to hosting and travelling to Takada in 2024. This experience has been missed due to the recent pandemic.

If you would like to know more about any of our homestay programs (Japan or France) please contact Mr J Registro (Senior Teacher Co-Curricular Activities and International Perspectives.





In Week 5 of Term 3, St Monica's College had the pleasure to welcome Ms Mana Nakai, who teaches English at Takada's College in the city of Tsu in Japan.

St Monica's College and Takada's College are sister schools and, starting from next year, will resume the exchange program.

Mana has decided to use part of her summer holidays to broaden her outlook in education and teaching methodology. While here at St Monica's College, Mana has been observing some classes and experiencing a teacher's life here in Australia.

Some of the classes that she has observed are:

- Junior and Senior Japanese classes with Miyuki Kuwabara and Yoshinori Kubokawa
- Year 8 Spanish classes with Matthew Fisher and Antonio Asquino
- Year 7 Italian classes with Catherine Asquino
- Year 7 Humanities classes with Alesha Murphy

This has been a positive and constructive experience for both Mana and St Monica's College, and we will see Mana again in 2024 when Japanese students will visit us for the exchange program.



St Monica's College, Epping **Year 7, 2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2025 are now open and will close on Friday, 18 August 2023.

Please submit your application by this date as places are limited and there is no guarantee of a vacancy after the closing date.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College website www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply
Complete your online form and submit with the
documentation required.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs. Lina Sirianni on 9409 8444 or **E**mail <u>registrar@stmonicas-epping.com</u>



Apply online today!

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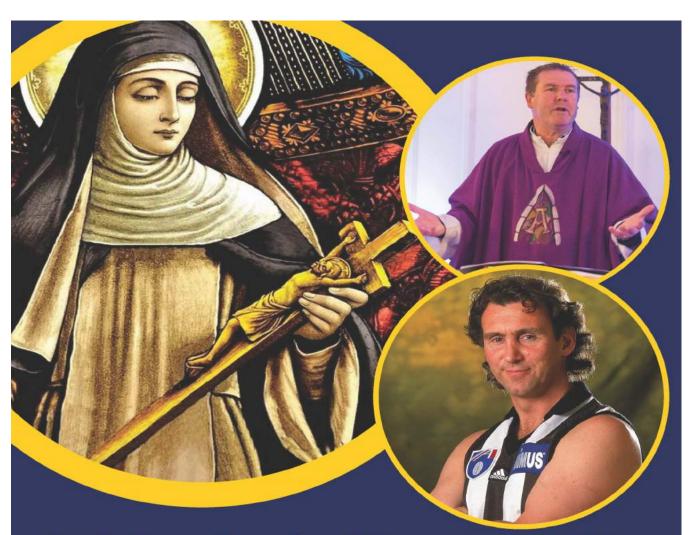
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St Monica's Week 2023

Annual Oration

Pina & Bill Dunne

Sports Breakfast

Tony Shaw
Peter Daicos
Grace Gill

St Monica's Day



7.00pm **21 August, 2023**

By Invitation Only



6.30am **23 August, 2023**



Tickets
Adults - \$55
Child - \$30



10.00am - Mass **25 August, 2023**

By Invitation Only



For more information

9409 8800







If you would like more information about Business Connect, please contact the Promotions and Events Office promotions@stmonicas-epping.com



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The Debaters Association of Victoria Schools — Debating Competition

The fifth and final round of The Debaters Association of Victoria schools debating competition for the Watsonia region was held at Loyola College on Monday, 17 July. Only three teams competed across A to D grades due to two SMC teams having to forfeit as a result of illness. The results were.

B Grade

Topic: *That we should ban children from being social media influencers* Loyola 1 affirmative 227 defeated St Monica's 1 negative 225

C Grade

Topic: *That medical professionals should not be allowed to strike* Ivanhoe Grammar 5 affirmative 228 defeated St Monica's 1 negative 227

D Grade

Topic: *That we should regret the rise of participation awards*. Plenty Valley CC affirmative 226 defeated St Monica's 1 negative 225

We thank all debaters and coaches on their efforts during the 2023 debating season.



St Monica's College, Epping

Sports Breakfast

Featuring AFL legends Tony Shaw and Peter Daicos.

Special Guest - Grace Gill

Tickets for adults - \$55, students - \$30



Wednesday, 23 August () 6:30am - 9am





Manor on High 519 High St, Epping VIC 3076

Tickets > https://www.trybooking.com/CKCNG





Tony Shaw

A Major Accomplishment—Congratulations

Dear Mr Hanley,

Good evening, I hope this email finds you well. I would love to personally tell you some amazing news before you hear it elsewhere. I am now a representative of Australia. I have been selected to work with the Australian Boomers (Men's World Cup/Olympic team) in the upcoming weeks in their media department as one of their photographers. This is an important milestone for me especially being at such a young age I believe it has never been done before. I would like to thank you for the opportunity you have given me within the school to develop my skills in photography.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful weekend.

Travis Palmieri

MARVELLOUS MONICAN



Issy Rutherford (11 White) commenced her Monican education in 2022 as a Year 10 student. Since moving schools she has actively participated in many aspects of College life and has maintained her commitment to both co-curricular involvement (music and sport) and academic studies.

Issy is a valued member of the Girls football squad and has represented the College on many occasions in the SACCSS competitions including the most recent Grand Final match. She also has an interest in cross country and has experienced success representing the College at these events. In addition to her sporting achievements, Issy is an accomplished bass guitar and drum kit player and performs regularly with the Senior Rock Band.

Issy is committed to her studies and is working hard towards her goals. She is an excellent role model for younger students and epitomises Monican values.

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