Term 2 Focus
Term 2 is now in full swing and students and staff alike are very busy. Not only has the work kept coming but many, many students are taking the opportunity to get involved in the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. It is vitally important that we assist students to manage and prioritise to ensure the main reason we are here – learning, remains the focus. Keeping up to date and good time management is the key to a successful term 2 for students.

Staffing
We welcomed (back) Ron Brown who is currently replacing Shane Crowhurst while he is on Long Service Leave during Term 2.

We are also very happy to have Sule Sahin returning to us to work as our Multicultural Education Aide 3 days a week and we welcome Claire Norton who has taken up our new Office Administration position. We will also be welcoming Martha Maiorana who was the successful applicant for our recently advertised Youth Worker position.

Trade Training Centres in Schools
There continues to be a huge amount of work behind the scenes to progress this project which will see a, ‘State of the Art’, trade training facility constructed here at Mildura Senior College. I am hopeful by the time you read this report that we have begun the tendering process for the Capital Works on our site here at Mildura Senior College. Works at both Coomealla HS and St Joseph’s College are imminent and all other projects will come on line following the start of our build here.

School Improvement Focus
One vital element of effective schools is effective and strong leadership. To support this we have employed the services of Leadership Coaches (both retired school Principals), through the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals (VASSP). The service is highly recommended by many participant schools and I am confident our already talented leadership group will find value in this program.

Mildura High/Secondary College/ Mildura Senior College Centenary
The program of events is confirmed with clearly two very important elements to the event. One is to celebrate the centenary of the school and mark the occasion of our 100th year. The second is for groups of former students to come together and reunite. As a school, our focus is primarily on the events that will take place at school on Friday 14th of September and then following on to Sunday with the Centenary Celebration day. Details can be found on our website; www.milsen.vic.edu.au

ANZAC Day
Our College community was proudly represented on ANZAC day by our College Captains, Kyle Gallichan and Alana Hale at the wreath laying ceremony held at Henderson Park.

Andrew Ough
Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

Important Dates
A separate sheet is included with this mail out to provide detailed information about key dates, the arrangements for the end of term, end of semester, exams, etc. Please read this document carefully and ensure that it is displayed prominently in the household as the remaining weeks of this term are very busy. Key dates will also be available on our website www.milsen.vic.edu.au

Students at Risk
The college is currently working through an extensive consultation process to provide parents and students with a clear understanding of their status in terms of passing subjects. More specifically,

- The semester ends on June 6 – work cannot be submitted after this date unless an official extension is provided.
- All students must pass a certain number of subjects to either continue with their 2012 studies or to be eligible to receive their certificate this year.
- The likely outcome for students who have been unsuccessful in a number of subjects will either be the need to extend their studies by 6 or 12 months, or a meeting to discuss alternative options for the student.

Safety – Crossing Roads
Our procedure for crossing 14th St to access local shops at recess and lunchtime is working well. Students are required to use the footpath on the college side of 14th St and then cross at the 14th St lights. Students have been advised to cross 14th St with caution at the start and end of the school day – despite this area being 40km zone at these times, it is very busy and students should never step out from the footpath assuming that drivers will see them. Students are reminded that the “ring road” in the main car park area is NOT a walkway.

Excellent Attendance/Positive Start to 2012
Parents are reminded to take care when “dropping off” or “picking up” students. Both Deakin Avenue and 14th St are very busy during these times and there have already been a number of minor accidents and “near misses”.

Parents are reminded that classes start at 9am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – students arriving after this time will be recorded as being late.

Assessment Tasks and SACS
Students who are absent on the day of a SAC (Year 12) or Assessment Task (Year 11), must have a Medical Certificate or valid reason (i.e. sport) to support their absence in order to reschedule the SAC.

Collecting Students
Parents are reminded that when collecting a student (illness, appointment, etc) during the day that the collection point is at the Student Services Centre. This will allow the student to sign out and provides a record of the student’s whereabouts in case of an emergency. Please avoid collecting students in 14th St or other locations. Please be aware that students arriving late or leaving early need to sign in and out of the College and the Student Services Centre; however this does not verify their absence and will remain “unexplained” until it is verified by a parent/guardian note or phone call.

School Photos
These were distributed late last term. Any queries should be directed to the photographers on 03-58813436.

Attendance
With less than 4 weeks of Semester 1 remaining, the importance of regular attendance needs to be made the highest of priorities. Students who choose to absent themselves in the last few weeks are jeopardizing their chances of a continued enrolment in Semester 2. Students with poor attendance and/or significant “N” results (fails) at mid-year can be exited from the college.

Contacting Staff
Parents are welcome to contact staff to discuss student motivation and engagement. Phone contact should be made via the Office. Email contact can be made by using the teacher surname and the first letter of the Christian name – for example, John Smith would be smithj@milsen.vic.edu.au The Office can direct you to the relevant Co-ordinator if you make telephone contact.

Student Exits
Parents are reminded that there is a formal exit process for student who leaves the college. This process has a number of steps including an interview, signing of forms, handing in student card, clearing out lockers and returning the netbook and library books. The college is required to compile transition data and this proves difficult when students “leave” and do not advise the college of their intended/confirmed destination.

Facilities
Recent works and planning is being undertaken for:
- Removal/replanting of trees on 14th St side of H Wing and establishing garden area
- New seating for students in COLA
- Upgrading seating near Library
- Portable stage and soundproofing for Gymnasium
- Upgrade to Hall - roofing, guttering, ceiling, plastering and painting
- Maintenance schedule in lead up to Centenary Celebrations

Mark Tracy
Assistant Principal
Student Engagement and Well Being

3 Way Conferences
On Tuesday 1st May our second 3 Way Conferences were conducted from 5-7pm. The evening was catered very successfully by the Hospitality students. Special thanks to them. Parents, Students and Teachers met and carried on constructive conversations about student outcomes and strategies for future success.

Student Forum
Our second Student Forum focussed on the Physical and Social Aspects of the College. We called it ‘making a difference’ and students made comment in both of these areas for improvement and continuation. We also asked for someone line feedback about the college and here are some of the responses…..

“Provided independence, being treated like an adult is an amazing addition to my education”
“Maintains positive aspects of education and cares about our inner wellbeing”
“It’s a great school and is preparing us for the outside world once we complete Year 12”

“Mildura Senior College has a very safe environment where you feel respected as an adult”

“This school is very welcoming place and is full of decent people”

The Long Ride to Stop Poverty
On Tuesday 1st May, Matt Napier spoke to our Unit 3 and 4 Health and Human Development students about his long ride to raise awareness for Oxfam and Make Poverty History. Matt’s ride from Perth to Canberra was designed to represent the length of a human chain for the number of children who dies from through poverty. He spoke to our students about his ride and endeavour to raise awareness and gain political support to end the poverty cycle. Our students will be studying Developing Countries and poverty in Unit 4 of Health and Human Development.

State School Spectacular
On Monday 30th April, two dance teachers arrived at our college to instruct our State School Spectacular team for the event in September. Our students did an amazing job of picking up the steps and showing their prowess in dance. The training will continue leading up to the event where we will meet another 1000 + students on the dance floor at Hiense Area.

Student Success
Sam Hogan a student in Year 12 was selected into the under 18’s Victorian Hockey Team. This involved going to Melbourne twice a week for training for 8 weeks, then going to Newcastle for 14 days to play in the Hockey National Championships from the 8th till the 22nd of April. The team made the grand final but was beaten by QLD.

Sandy Gunn
Acting Assistant Principal

Please remember the dates for Unit 3 and 4 examinations are set by the VCAA. These are non-negotiable and cannot be changed.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION DATES
Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September 2012
Mildura Senior College, previously known as Mildura High School and Mildura Secondary College, celebrating 100 years of state funded secondary education in Mildura

Since the middle of last year a Centenary Committee has been working tirelessly to organise a wide range of exciting and interesting activities to celebrate this wonderful achievement. The activities have been organised to appeal to a wide cross-section of people – current and past students, teachers, parents and community members.

Throughout the three days of celebrations there will be something for everyone to participate in and to enjoy – whether it is touring the college in action to discover how education has changed since your schooldays, catching up with your ‘old’ school friends, seeing how our teachers have aged, looking over memorabilia or kicking up your heels at one of the centenary dinners.

Please spread the word about the centenary celebrations and ask interested people to register with the College so they can be added to the mailing list.

For Further information contact Mildura Senior College
Phone: 03 50 212 911
or visit www.milsen.vic.edu.au
E-mail: centenary@milsen.vic.edu.au

Student Absence Hotline
Parents are reminded to call the Attendance Officer (Margie Merrett) on the absence hotline on 5022 2893 to verify (explain) every absence. The hotline is open 24hrs and 7 days a week, so you can conveniently call day or night. It’s a good idea to save this number in your mobile phone or keep a copy in your wallet.

Year 12 Chemistry Excursion – Mon 12th to Wed 14th March 2012
Most students studying Year 12 Chemistry went on a three-day trip with Sue Wilmann, Ineke Rogers and Glenn Butterworth to conduct experiments in chemical analysis using apparatus that our school does not have and to have an insight into the University of Ballarat.

We departed on Monday 12th March at 9am for a grueling journey to Lady Northcote Recreational Camp 15 mins away from Bacchus Marsh. Luckily, there were free drinks and snacks along the way. There were lots of facilities such as the games room and of course, lots of space to play around!

The next day, even though we all study Chemistry, we were divided into two groups – students who also studied Biology and the students who also studied Physics. Those in the Physics
group went to Bacchus Marsh to the science centre, Ecolinc, where we performed three experiments involving the atomic absorption, UV-Visible and the Infrared spectrometer, all worth tens of thousands of dollars. Meanwhile the Biology group went to Ballarat to attend scientific workshops and to have a tour around the campus and its residential blocks.

After our daily activities were completed, we all went to Melton to do some shopping, having dinner at La Porchetta and go to the movies. When we returned back to the camp, a campfire was set up to enjoy tasty marshmallows.

On Wednesday, we went back to our subject groups and swapped places. The Biology group went to Ecolinc and the Physics group went to Ballarat. Afterwards we were ready to go home.

We enjoyed this chemistry camp very much and we strongly recommend all chemistry students not to miss this great opportunity. On behalf of all the chemistry students, I would like to thank Sue, Ineke and Butters for organising this invaluable trip and for keeping us entertained.

Derek Hung
Year 12 Chemistry Student

Textiles/Fashion Trip 2012

We set off in our comfy coach at 7am on the dot, Thursday the 22nd of March and after completing some research on Grace Kelly by watching ‘To Catch a Thief’ and ‘Rear Window’, we arrived in Bendigo with plenty of time for lunch before seeing the Grace Kelly exhibition. We were given a background lecture before viewing the exhibition which provided valuable insight into her life. The exhibition was extensive and the clothing, accessories and jewellery were breathtaking. Not only was it an insight into a royal fairytale, but also a parade of fashion through the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s and early 80’s.

Back onto the coach and straight to our accommodation at the Melbourne Metro YHA where we sorted out room allocations and caught our breath before heading out to Doncaster shopping centre for tea and a look at the designer boutiques.

Friday morning was an initiation into the wonders of the Melbourne public transport system as we had to catch a tram, a train, and a bus to get to the Kmart Head Office. The weather was freezing and windy, however thankfully the rain held off until we were under cover! We arrived half an hour late and were whisked off to the design centre where four different designers regaled us with their history and described their positions at Kmart. It was an invaluable experience and gave the students an understanding of the realities of working in the fashion industry.

We then caught the bus and the train back to Southern Cross station for a quick lunch before crossing Spencer Street to the Whitehouse Institute of Design. Most of our time here was spent looking at the set of Project Runway, however we did talk to past and current students and see some working classrooms. Information on folio preparation and presentation for acceptance into the Institute was provided.

Back on a tram to Swanston Street, then a walk to the NGV to meet the coach to go to Chadstone shopping centre. We saw the LMFF Dolls exhibition, had tea, visited designer boutiques and did some shopping before staggering gracefully onto the coach to head for the YHA. There were no protests about sleeping after our very big day!

Our last day in Melbourne! We travelled via (late) tram into the Bourke Street Mall for a very whirlwind look around the shops before we headed along Elizabeth Street to Clegs – a beautiful fabric store specialising in natural fibres. Many students obtained samples and patterns and were all ready to meet the tram back in the Mall at 11am to go to the Melbourne Museum for the Top Designs exhibition.

This is the focus of our trip – particularly for the Product Design & Technology – Textiles students. It showcases the best folios and garments from last year’s Unit 3 & 4 students. Again, it did not disappoint. There were some spectacular works on show, not only in our subject area as Visual Communication & Design always provides inspiration. Students took notes and immersed themselves in the exhibition before we boarded the coach at 1pm and headed for home, arriving back in Mildura at 7.45pm.

Thanks to Mick for being such an obliging bus driver, Samantha Mitchell for stepping in at the last minute, and the students for conducting themselves in exemplary style for the duration of the trip.

Melissa Davies
Textiles/VET Fashion teacher
Sports Report

Term 2 has also started with a flurry with many summer sports reaching the Regional and State level and winter sports starting at the Sunraysia Level. However, I am sure you will agree that a busy time now will allow more time for study and revision around exam time, which is less than a month away.

At a local level we had the boys Football go down to St Josephs College. Earlier in the month the boys football team travelled to Swan Hill to participate in the "Sun Country Cup" winning 3 games and losing only 1.

Girls Softball had no opposition in either the local or regional level, therefore advance straight to Melbourne to compete in the state finals on Tuesday 22nd May.

Girls Football was a huge success on Monday night 7th May, winning all 4 games, having a bit of fun and coming home with plenty of bumps and bruises, qualifying for the regional play offs in Swan Hill on Wednesday May 30th.

Boys and Girls soccer was held on Wednesday with the boys easily winning all 3 games and are through to the regional finals in Bendigo on the Monday 28th May, and will travel with the Boys Hockey Team who reached the regional finals without playing a single game.

Boys Baseball and boys and Girls Volleyball both tasted success locally, however both finished second in the regional finals to a strong Bendigo Senior College outfit.

We also had a boys and girls team participate in the state Touch Football tournament with mixed results. The boys had 2 wins, a draw and 1 narrow loss to a school with many 'Melbourne Storm' development players, missing out on the final only by percentage. The girls found it more difficult with 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses.

Many thanks to all the teachers who have taken on coaching roles so far this year - your time is appreciated. Also a big thank you to all the parents for their support in allowing your children to participate in the sport program. We have had many early starts and late pickups with no hiccups yet this year!

On Thursday 10th May, Mildura Senior College was privileged to have retired Justice Philip Cummins address a combined group of both Legal Studies Year 11 classes about the Criminal Justice System. For over an hour, he entertained the Legal Studies students with the benefit of his experience and knowledge on the Victorian Legal System, as an accused member of society might find themselves facing. Topics covered in the lecture included the continued use of juries, the impact of DNA and other matters of complex evidence and the manner in which a judge is asked to 'balance' the rights of both victims and the accused when final sentencing takes place. Opportunity for questions from the floor ensured that the justice had really made an impact upon the understanding of the students.

Grant van Looy
Legal Studies teacher
An important focus of the Pathways program in term three will be Tertiary applications. Career News items and presentations that are coming up are listed at the top of the moodle page. It is really important that students regularly access and read the school bulletin on the intranet, to ensure that they don’t miss out on sessions that may help them decide on their future pathways. Career Notices items are posted on the Career noticeboard in the foyer of the library and on noticeboards in the Student Centre and around the school. So try to take advantage of career opportunities available to you by regularly reading these notices.

Moodle

A new place this year for career news items and presentation notices can be found on the year 11 or year 12 Pathways site on Moodle. Each week students have career research activities designed to assist them with their Self development (Term 1), Career Exploration (Term two), and Career Building (Term three and four). Career News items and presentations that are coming up are listed at the top of the moodle page. Students can access the Pathways moodle page from home at www.milsen.vic.edu.au

Tertiary applications

An important focus of the Pathways program in term three will be tertiary applications. All Year 12 students who are considering applying for university and tafe courses will receive time and assistance in their Pathways classes with this process, including online applications (completed in August/Sept.), Pathway teachers and the five Student Coordinators and I will be available during this time to help students with their applications.

Note: VTAC guides and SATAC guides will arrive in the school in late July. Students will tick what guides they need from Victoria and South Australia. A small number of UAC (NSW), QTAC (QLD), and TISC (WA) guides will arrive in the centre as well. Students wishing to apply interstate can borrow these.

Students will receive a copy of the Careers Calendar in their Pathways class in Week One of term three. This calendar has all the important dates to complete applications through both VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) and SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre).

YEAR 12 APPLYING FOR UNI/TAFE COURSES INFORMATION EVENING

For year 12 parents (accompanied by their son/daughter)

Will be held on: Monday evening June 18th in the school GYM from 7.30 – 8.30 pm.

The evening is directed at those parents and students who have not had a family member who has been through the application process before. I will cover how to make an application through VTAC and SATAC – the name of the Victorian and South Australian Tertiary Admission Centres. Ho to fill in and make a Special Entry Access Scheme application for financially, medically or non-english background, or difficult circumstances, Accommodation applications and Scholarships applications.

VICTORIAN TERTIARY EVENING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS – Collection of resources from Victorian and South Australian Universities and some private colleges and TAFE colleges.

On Monday, 30th July there is a parent information ‘supermarket session’ (not an information session) run by Victorian universities, TAFE and some private colleges, in the Mildura Senior College Gym from 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Parents and students will be able to visit and ask questions and collect course guides from the 20 Victorian Universities, TAFE and Private Colleges and get any questions they may have, answered by a university representative.

YEAR 12 STUDENT VICTORIAN TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION

The next morning Tuesday, 31st of July, Year 12 students applying for Victorian courses will be required to attend an information in the school gym which will run from 9.10am – 10.35am. Students will find out how to make an application, information about university and things like scholarships and accommodation options.

UMAT PRACTICE WEEKEND WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 12 AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Year 11 and Year 12 students wishing to attend the practice UMAT session to be held at St Joseph’s College on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of July (last weekend of the school holidays), need to come to the careers centre and collect the application form and information letter. This weekend is run by a company called MedEntry. Note: Some students will have already attended a workshop in Melbourne run earlier in the year, so they do not need to enrol. NB: Please be aware that this weekend course is not registration for the UMAT exam. You need to apply through ACER and you need to apply to sit the test by Friday, 1st June at 5.00 pm on the ACER website: http://umat.acer.edu.au

UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test)

A reminder that students undertaking the UMAT test will sit this test on Wednesday the 25th of July in the Mildura Senior College Hall. Students will receive their UMAT number 2 weeks prior to the test – they will need to print their Admissions Ticket after receiving the email - to sit the test and take along suitable identification such as passport, driver’s license or photo bearing learner’s permit or a certified letter of identification from the school or workplace.

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATIONS

South Australian accommodation colleges Aquinas and St Ann’s are open now for accommodation applications. Come to the Careers Centre for brochures and forms. Note: Most universities do not open for accommodation applications until their Open Day. For example: Monash University accommodation can be applied for as soon as they have their Open Day and expect you to do so within two weeks as demand for places is so great.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

www.chancesforchildren.com.au provides an excellent resource to look for scholarships. Over 10,000 scholarships have been categorised to assist students to find funds that they can apply for to help them move away from the local area to study.

Chances for Children tertiary education funding - Each application is assessed on its individual merits. There are no set criteria to determine the amount of funding awarded; each is decided on a case by case basis considering the specific needs of each applicant in respect of their financial and social circumstances. Applications can be made for tertiary studies. Each tertiary recipient is assessed on their individual circumstances, and Chances aims to ‘make up the difference’ in their gap of income versus expenditure on the student’s budget. Chances aims to support tertiary recipients for a minimum of two years, after which time it is expected that they will have settled into university life and be able to financially support themselves.
That being said, in exceptional circumstances, assistance may be extended to ensure the student continues to achieve in their course.

Application forms for Chances for Children are able to be accessed from the Download and Resources section of the website only when the funding round is open.

Don't forget that students and/or parents can make appointments to see me for careers and tertiary advice at any stage between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. They can either come in and make an appointment, or by phoning the school on 5021 2911.

Remember that I am available to meet with both students and parents if you require assistance with Careers or Tertiary Advice. Ring 5021 2911 and ask to speak to Lavina in the Careers Centre. If you want School to Work information ask to speak to Linda Snoxall in the Careers Centre.

Lavina Hamilton
Careers/Pathways Coordinator

2012 Defence Technical Scholarship

Nine students were successful in being awarded a Defence Technical Scholarship this year. Students in Year 11 and 12 who were undertaking a VCE or VCAL program which included a Mathematical, Technical or VET technical trade subject were eligible to apply. The scholarships were worth $2000 for Year 11 students and $3000 for Year 12 students. Year 11 students will also be able to apply to attend the Defence Experience. The successful students are: Justin Hawke, Isaac Fabich, Jayden Milner, Guy Cooper, Katerina Blekic, Martin Rule, Jeff Ladd, Samuel Barnden and Jarrod Searle.

Try a Trade 2012

Planning for the annual SMGT and VECCI Apprenticeships Services Try a Trade Day is under way.

The event is to be held on Friday 8th June, 2012. The event is to be held at the Australian National Institute (ANI) Trades Centre (formerly SMGT Trades Training Centre) at 62 The Crescent, Mildura (opposite Rollerama Entertainment Centre).

There will be 17 traditional and soft skill trade activities for students to ‘try a trade’ and many information stands. The information stands will provide advice on employment, training and OH&S while we intend running cooking demonstrations throughout the day. The trade activities will again be interesting and interactive for students.

The day will have a ‘Fair’ atmosphere with 97.9 Sun FM providing a live broadcast, SMGT Youth Connections a Wii entertainment area and some giveaways for the survey completion. SMGT tour guides will help direct traffic and encourage students to participate in activities and seek information from the services that are at the event. Students and parents are encouraged to attend at any time during the day. Please see Linda in the Careers Centre to collect your pass. Look for the posters this week.

Grow Your Career

Grow your Career at Sunraysia Institute of TAFE is coming up on the 19th and 20th of July. It is a great opportunity to visit and experience the training and courses offered at TAFE. There will also be a wide range of exhibitors including the Defence Force, Apprenticeship Centres, Mining companies and many more. Information sessions will be conducted throughout the day including sessions on Pathways from TAFE to University. More details will be advertised closer to the date. Look out for the posters around school.

Structured Workplace Learning

SWL is a great way for a young person to explore a variety of work options and gain experience in their chosen field before finishing school and moving into the workforce or further training. VCAL students are currently on the hunt for work placements as part of their Work Related course. Senior VCAL students have already started their placements with Intermediate and Foundation students starting work placements in Term 3. Students are interested in gaining experience in a wide variety of industries but sometime struggle to find employers as it is a big commitment. If you think you may be able to offer a student a placement please contact either Linda or Gall in the Careers Centre on 5022 7957. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information please email Linda on snoxalll@milsen.vic.edu.au

Linda Snoxall
School to Work Coordinator

SunSmart Secondary Schools e-newsletter – Term 2, 2012

From May puts sun hats away. That’s the SunSmart winter message, but what does this mean for your staff and students?

The sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer and the best natural source of vitamin D. Vitamin D is essential for bone and muscle development and the prevention of osteoporosis. From May until August in Victoria, the UV drops below three, meaning most of us need to make an extra effort to get outside for some vitamin D exposure. During these low UV months, sun protection is not required unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or outdoors for extended periods.

But just how much sun is enough for vitamin D?

From May - August, SunSmart recommends that Victorians with fair to olive skin get two to three hours of midday winter sun exposure to the face, hands and arms (or equivalent area of skin) spread over the week to help with vitamin D levels.

Staff and students with naturally darker skin (Fitzpatrick skin types 5 and 6 – see image) or those that cover up for religious or cultural reasons, may require up to three to six times more sun exposure to help with their vitamin D levels.

Tips for staff and student vitamin D exposure

- Physical activity assists the body’s synthesis of vitamin D, so schedule activity which gets students outside and active in the middle of the day. Walk briskly on yard duty or consider a walking meeting.

- The more skin exposed, the better, so after you’ve warmed up, take off the scarf and roll up the sleeves.

- Download SunSmart’s free UV Alert widget to your school website so that staff and parents know when the UV drops below 3.

- Check out SunSmart’s Vitamin D tracker - smartphone app and online versions. Get your students to work through the tracker to see if they are meeting their vitamin D requirements. The vitamin D tracker and more information on vitamin D is available at www.sunsmart.com.au

- Remember that snow + alpine conditions can affect UV levels and therefore sun protection is still required for ski camps and excursions.

- Those concerned about vitamin D levels should visit their GP. Levels can be checked via a simple blood test and treated with supplements where required.

Smartphone app

The free SunSmart app includes features such as:

- Forecasted UV level from the Bureau of Meteorology for your location.

- Adjustable reminder function alerting the user to their daily sun protection needs and when it’s safe to get some sun for vitamin D.

- Information for users about UV exposure risks and protective measures.

NEW! Sunscreen applicator and Vitamin D tracker.
MSC Calendar 2012

January
19 Graduation
25 Year 12 Dinner
12-20 Year 11 Exam
6 Class finish for Year 11
1 Warm up Camp Day
12-25 Year 12 Exam

February
November
26 Celebration Day
20 End of Term 3
25 Start of Term 4
10-16 Centenary Celebrations Week
30 University Parent Information, Supersenior Session

March
15 Start of Term 3

May
29 End of Term 2
30 Intermediate VCAL Camp
20 College Council
18 Tent Year 12 Parades – Applying for University Information Evening
17-18 Start Semester Two (Units 2 & 4)
15 Report Writing Day
15 Year 12 Ball
14 CAT
15 Year 12 Exam
12-13 Year 12 Exam
11 Year 11 Exam
6 End of Semester (Units 1 & 2)
4 Year 11 Subject Change Evening

June
24 Girls State Softball
22 College Council
21 College Council

July
18 Start of Term 2

August
30 University Parent Information, Supersenior Session

September
10-16 Centenary Celebrations Week
20 Class finish for Year 12
8 Start of Term 4

October
25 Classes finish for Year 11
1 Warm up Camp Day

November
1-22 Year 12 Exam
6 Melbourne Cup Day
9 Year 12 Exam
12-20 Year 11 Exam
12-13 Year 11 Exam
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