Completion of the Year 12 Academic year – Celebration Day

Again we set very high expectations for our Year 12 students with regard to their behaviour as classes came to an end. Classes ran uninterrupted right up until the very last session on the last day of classes for all Year 12s. Many students came to school on the Wednesday to participate in the activities, assembly and brunch. I am pleased to report that they conducted themselves in a very mature manner. The whole program was extremely positive and continued to build on the strong relationships the Year 12 students have with their teachers and school.

College Captains 2015

We have recently completed the interviews for our College Captains for 2015. These students were nominated by their peers and had submitted a written application to a panel which interviewed the students and the recommended students went into an election involving all students. I am pleased to announce that the College Captains elect of Mildura Senior College in 2015 are as follows:

**College Captains**
Patrick McMahon and Tiana Sylvia

**Vice Captains**
Austen Keating and Vera Cheffers.

Final Year 12 Exams

By now Year 12 VCE Exams are almost over and I would like to wish all students well for the next stage of their lives beyond Year 12. Many campaigns have sprung up recently targeting those students completing Year 12 and in particular VCE Examinations. The essence of the messages is that you are not defined for life by the score you achieve through the VCE process. An ATAR score is clearly one pathway to further study but more frequently Universities and other Tertiary institutions are looking for alternate pathways to ensure those who are capable and motivated have other opportunities to access courses – even if the ATAR they get is not as high as they would have preferred.

I look forward with confidence to seeing the results of this work and celebrating their success at the Year 12 Dinner and Graduation.

VET in schools – Student Excellence Awards

Congratulations to all of our students who were nominated to participate in the recent VET in schools – student excellence awards. There were a large number of Mildura Senior College students declared the category winner from a record number of student nominations. It was also pleasing to see the Mildura Senior College teaching staff who have been involved in establishing the Deakin Trade Training Centre acknowledged for excellence in training on the night.

Andrew Ough
Principal
**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Year 12 Dinner**
The Year 12 Dinner will be held at Club Di Vinci on Friday 21st of November. Tickets are available from the Front Office and students must have paid their Enrolment Pack to receive their Dinner ticket.

**Graduation**
Graduation and celebration of our student’s academic achievements is our favourite event of the year. Graduates and their families will receive an invitation and tickets via the post in early December. Graduation is held at 7pm on the 17th of December at the St Joseph’s Stadium, Riverside Avenue. Year 11 students who are the highest achieving student in a Year 12 study will also be invited via phone from the 15th of December.

**Graduates and Award Winners Need to be at the Stadium by 6.30PM**

**Transition Information**
Current Year 11 students should have selected their preliminary choices for 2015. All students are required to attend enrolment sessions to confirm their Enrolment for 2015.

Enrolment sessions for current students will occur on Tuesday November 25 – Year 12 Enrolments by Pathways Groups 9.30am - 11.30am KBN, ILV, BPN, TFL, JEC
12.30pm - 2.30pm LGD, MHY, DFR, BBN, JWR, GST
Wednesday November 26 – Year 12 Enrolments by Pathways Groups 9.30am - 11.30am KBF, TBR, FMN, GSM, RWL, KMR
12.30pm - 2.30pm KPT, RML, TED, RGB, SBV, Engage

Parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

**Headstart Days**
Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November 2014. On these days all Year 12 students are required to attend as teachers will begin Unit 3 work and will give out important work to be completed by the start of the following year. Attendance is compulsory.

**Student Services Centre**
Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Student Coordinators, Attendance Officer and Transition Pathways Coordinator. If students have questions about their program or completing their Certificate, attendance queries or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice.

**Tri-Star Medical Services on Site**
We have a Doctor (General Practitioner) as well as a Mental Health Nurse on site each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday throughout the year.

**Student Activities and Events**
Congratulations to the students in the Mildura District Stage Band who performed at the Pink Ball. Audiences were very impressed with their talent and quality. They have also performed at the Jazz Festival.

Many students have already completed Year 12 Performance and Oral Exams in Music, Drama, and Languages. We wish all students all the best with their upcoming written Exams.

**Student Assessment**
All students received SP4 at the end of Term 3. Year 11 students in particular need to ensure they follow the recommendations from their teachers to ensure success.

**Special Provision for Examinations**
Students with exceptional personal circumstances or illness during their Exams are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision. Students must see their Student Coordinator or Tracy Marr for assistance and further information. We recommend that all students sit their Exams and if unwell visit the Doctor the same day. Year 12 Examinations cannot be rescheduled.

**Netbooks**
Students who have loaned a Netbook must return their Netbook this Term as per the User Agreement.

The Netbook provided to students is the property of the school, loaned to the student on an annual basis for the term of the student’s enrolment.

Netbooks can be returned to the Helpdesk in the Library. Netbooks must be returned by 21st November.

Students who do not need their Netbooks during Exam time can return them before classes finish.

Students need to remove all personal files from their Netbook and their H Drive and transfer it to a portable storage device, such as a USB drive (these can be purchased from the Office or at any electronics store if the student does not have one).

Please ensure you return all accessories with your Netbook.

- Netbook
- Power pack
- Protective sleeve
- Students will sign off on all of these items when returned.

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Year 12 students finished classes on Tuesday October 21, and Year 11 students finished on Friday November 7th. All students should have completed all their work by these dates. We have deadlines to meet with the transmission of results to Melbourne, so students must stick to these dates. Students are reminded that a pass or fail is determined by:

- The completion of the set work on the date and in the required manner (includes SACs)
- Meeting the college attendance requirements
- Following VCEA rules (e.g. no plagiarism)
- Following other VCEA rules, such as the behaviour record of the student and the number of units passed.

As noted in the mail out at the end of Term 3, progression from Year 11 to Year 12 is not an automatic process. Students who do not satisfy the above criteria are jeopardising their chances of promotion.

We are currently investigating the format and frequency of our 2015 reporting program. We have gathered feedback for all stakeholders in the last 12 months and are ready to move forward in terms of providing the most effective and clear communication to parents and students about learning progress.

**Staff PD Day – October 22**
Staff will undertake this day to undertake preparation for Year 11 exams, Year 11 Orientation, Year 12 Head Start and Course writing for 2014. November is a very busy month at our School, especially in the area of assessment and transition.

**Exams**
Year 12 exams are well under way. Year 11 students have received a copy of their exam timetable. Year 11 students who do a Year 12 subject, are reminded that if they have a clash with a Year 11 and a Year 12 exam, the Year 12 exam takes priority. The Year 11 exam can be completed at another time. Year 11 exams commence on November 10 and are compulsory.

**Environment**
Plans are well underway to upgrade the old Technology rooms for use by the Arts Faculty in 2015. All excess equipment has been sold/removed from the rooms. All air conditioners were serviced over the holidays and are operational.

We are also investigating options for the area between the M and P portables and the new Trade Training Centre. We need to be mindful of a number of factors in our planning including the amount of on-station traffic moving between the main area of the school and the TTC.

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**Mark Tracy**
Assistant Principal

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- Captains: Patrick McMahon, Tanya Sylvest
- Vice Captains: Ksenia Koating, Vera Cheffers

Congratulations to all students who applied and went through the process for College Captain – a written application followed by an interview.

A week later the students again returned to the polls to vote for members of the SRC for 2015. The results were as follows

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- Holly Young, Jayden Byrne
- Patrick Horkings, Gary Millsom
- Sheree Moore, Taylor Hand
- Lorianne Lowerson, Elehna Mackay
- Fiona Parisi, Madeline Barker

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I’d just like to make special mention of Codie Ryan. Codie only had one item in the show, but stepped in and wore an outfit in almost every section (requiring some very quick changes).

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Emptying Student Lockers

Please note that all students have been given adequate time and numerous reminders to have their lockers empty by November 18th. Following this date, locks will be removed, any surplus items will be discarded and lockers will be cleaned by staff.

Please note that the College is NOT responsible for retaining items left in lockers after this date. This includes clothing, books or other valuables. It is the responsibility of the student to remove all items form their locker by the date shown.

BYOD ICT Information Evening for 2015 Students and Parents

Mildura Senior College has invested in reconfiguration of our network to support students and parents to choose the type of computing device that best suits them. This is known as BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

An information session will be held for 2015 students and parents on Tuesday 9 December, from 5.30 to 6.30pm

Senior College Gym (entry from 14th Street).

The session will cover:

• Digital literacy and employment in future workplaces
• The Senior College BYOD Program and ICT resources
• Processes for connecting personal devices in 2015
• Support and software available to students
• Device recommendations
• Feedback, data and survey results from 2014
• Questions from parents and students

Our aim is to enable students to achieve the best possible results in their studies and prepare to become confident, capable members of society. We look forward to working with parents and students to ensure that the BYOD program is effective in supporting this goal.

For further information, please contact Graeme Smyth at the College or email byod@milson.vic.edu.au

Graeme Smyth
Technology Coordinator

Book Collection

6th to 29th November (If you wish to sell your books)

• Students should check that their books are to be used in 2015 by checking Second hand booklist sheets.
• Some texts are required for Year 11 and 12, so make sure that you keep these if needed.
• Books can be brought to the library from 8.30am to 4.30pm from Wednesday 6 November until Friday 29th November 2013.
• Books can only be processed if you provide your full banking details. This means your BANK name and BSB number (6 digits) and ACCOUNT number.

Lost Property

Throughout the year the Office has accumulated numerous amounts of lost property including calculators, jewellery and prescription glasses. If your child has lost any of these items, please get them to come to the Front Office to inquire.

Student Achievements

MADEC VETIS Awards

The MADEC VETIS Awards were held on October 14th and apart from having fantastic nominees we also had some wonderful winners There were 73 students nominated from 8 schools in the region.

While we didn’t take out the Student of the Year prize this year, the feedback was that the students nominated by all schools were of an extremely high calibre.

MADEC VETIS Award winners

Gemma Mottershead
Kaila McLean
Liam Lyall
Antonetta Mammone
Codi Gange
Nicholas Moore
Elliott Grayling

Trainers of the Year – Deakin Trade Training Centre, Mildura Senior College (Shane Crowhurst, Gavin Alexander, Anne Macdonald, Craig Irvin, Gary Gibson and Frank Saigar). This was also mentioned by the MC that many of the students who had spoken highly of the teaching staff during their interviews, so much so that the interview panels requested a tour of the facility which took place on Monday.

Year 12 Tertiary Applications

Results and Change of Preference VTAC Scholarships

Note - No payment, no offer

On Monday, 15th December VCE Results and ATAR are available at 7:00 am. Students who wish to alter their VTAC preferences can do so from the 24th of November, until the 22nd December at 12 noon. Students go to www.vtac.edu.au and click on User Account. They then use their student number and 4 digit pin number to log into their page. They can then click on course preferences and make changes.

Universities also run Change of Preference Hotlines during this period. To contact them, check out the details on the University websites. They will be able to advise you about pathway options to get into a particular degree.

I will be here at school to assist students with their Change of Preference from Monday 15th December to Thursday 18th December.

January First Round Offers

First round offers from VTAC are out on Monday, 19th January at 2 pm online and are emailed to the students VET User Account. SATAC offers are made on Thursday, 15th January (offers emailed by 5 pm) on UniWeb. Note: All Tertiary Admission Centre guides have information about offer dates inside the front cover of their guide.

Results Service

Year 12 students can get their VCE results by internet. Log on to resultsanddata.vic.edu.au

Using your student number and PIN (this is your VTAC ID). Get resultsanddata.vic.edu.au

Sports Report

State Athletics
State Athletics was held in Melbourne on Friday 17th October. Listed, are the results of the day

Taylor Hand 2nd in 100m, 3rd in Hurdles, 3rd in 200m
Sergio Rematosa 7th in Triple Jump
Sheree Moore 7th in Long Jump
Ehna Mackay equal 5th in High Jump

The above girls and Annie Clarke came 3rd in the Relay. Well done to the girls who got to this level.

Glenn Stephens

Careers Centre

Rick Williams was also highly commended for the work he had done in VET Music. Again the interview panel was blown away with the high standard of students nominated in the VET Music category and the Student of the Year came from this category.

Employer of the Year – Robert Matotek (Johnson’s Trucks nominated by Nicholas Bleik):

All students nominated were called up on stage and received a certificate. They are listed below.

VETIS Coordinator
Linda Snaill
The Quest aims to assist Secondary School students in developing citizenship and leadership qualities. The winners of the state level are Australian Ambassadors - with the opportunity to travel overseas and represent our country and Lions Club.

The competition level is high; competitors are expected to undergo a lengthy private interview before a panel, during which they speak about themselves and their involvement with and knowledge of their local community and the world. At each level the entrants present a prepared 5 minute speech and respond to two impromptu questions for 2 minutes.

Entrants start at Club level at the end of February 2015, and throughout March 2015 will progress through Zone, Regional and District competitions. The State final is scheduled on the 11th April in Murray Bridge and the National Final will be in Newcastle between the 1st and 4th of May. Prizes are awarded to contestans at all levels of the Quest.

For more information about what the contest involves and how to enter, see Mr Storm in Staffroom 5 or view the website www.lionsclub.org.au/yoty

Invitation to The World Festival of Magic
Hosted by LIONS CLUB OF MILDURA “World Festival of Magic is the longest running international magic show of its kind. A unique showcase of the finest performers from all around the world.”

World Festival of Magic is guaranteed to amuse, astound and delight both young and old. 90 minutes of fun and fantasy! The complimentary tickets are “sponsored” by local businesses to allow your clients and their families the chance to enjoy this engaging performance for free.

* PLEASE ONLY ASK FOR TICKETS THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY USE
* ONE BULK ORDER PER ORGANISATION – Please ensure PEOPLE requiring tickets CALL YOU with THEIR ORDER, then you contact us.
* When you have reached a FINAL NUMBER of tickets required, then please FAX or E-MAIL your order through to us
* ONE TICKET PER PERSON IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

e.g. 5 children & 1 adult = 6 TICKETS TOTAL

www.facebook.com/world-festival-of-magic

www.wfom.com.au

“From all of us involved we hope you enjoy this wonderful show”

Mildura Electric Light Theatre
The Mildura Electric Light Theatre 2015 Season is about to commence. Do you love to sing, dance and be on stage? If you do, our final audition for this season will be held this Monday 20th October at the Nichols Point Scout Hall.

ELT is a great opportunity to showcase your talent, meet new people and try something new. Grab a friend to join with you or come alone.

Auditions are open for ages from 11 – 26.

Any queries please contact us via the following methods:
E-mail: admin@elt.org.au
Facebook: ElectricLightTheatre
Mail: PO Box 2934, Mildura, 3502
Mobile: 0406 334 009 / 0439 034 451

Last week of school for Year 12’s!

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MSC Calendar 2014

November

19 - 21 Year 12 2015 Head Start Program
21 Year 12 Dinner
24 - 26 Year 11 and 12 2015 Enrolments

December

8 College Council
17 Year 12 Graduation
19 Last day of Term 4
21 Year 12 Graduation
9 - 10 Year 11 2015 Orientation Program

Semester reports for Year 11 students posted home
24 - 26 Year 11 and 12 2015 Enrolments
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