My message to students
At a recent assembly I spoke to students about the opportunities that are still before them. Those that are working hard need to continue to do so but maintain balance and manage levels of stress to ensure they finish strongly. Those that have room for improvement are encouraged to seek assistance from their teachers and establish a plan that is realistic and achievable. Year 11 students in particular will need to continue to work hard for the remainder of the year; establishing good study habits in year 11 is vital for those going on to Year 12 studies.

Congratulations Madeline Barker - Gallipoli 2015 ANZAC Day Dawn Service Tour
Earlier this year, students and teachers from across Victoria had an opportunity to apply for a five day tour to Turkey to attend the Gallipoli 2015 ANZAC Day Dawn Service on 25 April 2015. I would like to congratulate one of our students; Madeline Barker who was successful in being selected.

As the Victorian Premier Denis Napthine recently said when announcing the successful 80 students and 20 teachers; “To be at Anzac Cove for the 100th anniversary of the landing of troops at Gallipoli will be a poignant moment for those selected and an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.”

Australian Business Week
Earlier this term a highly successful Australian Business Week program was run by the Business Management teachers. This involved all students undertaking Year 11 Business Management doing a week long, intensive program which culminates in an awards and recognition ceremony on the Friday night. It is not compulsory for schools to run activities such as this but is another example of our fantastically dedicated staff ensuring students are given rich and meaningful learning tasks.

The BEAT
Another fantastic event that occurred earlier in Term 3 was the annual BEAT performance which showcases local state school talent. This was a wonderful opportunity to show not only the talent of the students but the willingness of local state schools to collaborate and work together culminating in a wonderful show over two nights.

A special mention has to be made of the Mildura Senior College students and staff who worked ‘front of house’ and behind the scenes and particular Marcus Hennig and his coordinating team. I was also particularly proud of our students who performed in the show who I thought were all outstanding!

Sporting Program success!
I would like to congratulate all of those students who have been competing in our school sporting program.

We have had numerous teams and individuals excel this year resulting in both regional champions and many teams competing at the state finals. Aside from the opportunity to represent our College in a wide range of sports we believe that the sports program also offers opportunities to build responsibility and leadership. Constantly our teachers return from each sporting trip reporting that the students are outstanding representatives of themselves, their families and our College.

I would also like to thank all of the staff (team managers and assistants) who put in an extraordinary amount of time to ensure that the program runs smoothly and we continue to give our students these types of opportunities.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell both Mr Jack Dooley and Ms Wendy Kelly who finish up with us at the end of this Term. Both have been with us for all of Term 3 and we wish them all the best.

Andrew Ough
Principal
Building Resilience

Giorgi speaks on how the Year 11 and 12 students on August 26th discussed resilience and positive psychology, getting themselves in their comfort zones and getting away from their comfort zones as well as learning from their successes and failures. More can be found out at http://danhaider.com/

The Beat

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Beat 2014 production. It was wonderful to see the Senior College represented by talented students both on the stage and working behind the scenes.

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 programs or completing their Certificate, attendance queries or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice.

Student Coordinators

We have 5 Student Coordinators and families have received letters introducing them to their student's Coordinator. To speak with a Coordinator please call the College.

Parent Portal on the College Website

The Parent Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded that they can access the following information; Student Timetable, Attendance Data, Student Calendar, Parent Messages. Ability to book for Parent/Teacher Interview evenings (3-Way Conferences).

State School Spectacular

I recently took our Team of Dancers to the State Schools Spectacular. The Dancers performed in nine dance items which they had been rehearsing for 6 months. The theme for this year's show was “Dare to Dream"! The songs included, Brave, Don't Stop Me Now, Titanium, Sweet Dreams and Run the World.

The performance featured an 80-piece orchestra, 1500-voice choir, 1400 mass dancers, 23 lead vocalists, 25 principal dancers, 25 ensemble dancers, 14 backing vocalists and circus performers from the National Institute of Circus Arts.

Special Provision

Students with medical conditions, disabilities and exceptional personal circumstances are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision and/or Special Exam Arrangements. Students must see their Transition and Pathways Coordinator for further information as soon as possible.

Tri-Star Medical Services on Site

We have a Doctor (General Practitioner) as well as a Mental Health Nurse on site each Tuesday. Students who would like to make appointments should see the Wellbeing Team. Parents can also make appointments for their students by contacting the front office. Hours are 9am – 3:30pm.

Student Achievement

If you are achieving fantastic things in your sporting or community involvement, please make sure you let us know about it. We would love to include details of the event and your achievement in our Newsletter and celebrate your success. Please contact your Student Coordinator or an Assistant Principal with details of your achievement.

Student Exams

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Year 12 students will also receive documents outlining what preparation they will need to undertake for exam revision. All students should use Term 3 holidays as a solid time for revision. A list of key dates is also included in this mail out. Term 4 is a very busy time and parents should retain this document.

Term 4 – A crucial time

After the holidays, Year 12 students will have less than 3 weeks of classes and Year 11 students will have 5 weeks of classes left in the academic year. The need for students to attend all classes, use class time effectively and undertake structured revision and homework must be a priority in these crucial last weeks. Our data clearly shows that students can “value add” (improve their results) with a sustained effort during the remaining time before exams. Year 12 students should have already commenced a structured revision program that entails up to 5 hours revision per subject per week. If students are struggling, develop a study schedule, they should start with their current timetable. The Term 3 holidays are an ideal opportunity for sustained revision to occur, or to catch up on classwork/learning activities.

Students are encouraged to make the most of revision programs offered in the coming weeks, including those for some Year 12 subjects which will run in the Term 3 holidays in Mildura.

A simple checklist can benefit students greatly at this time of year:

• All SAC dates entered in phone/diary
• All exam dates entered in phone/diary
• Study routine/schedule developed
• Homework routine developed
• VETAC/SAFAC applications complete
• Resume up to date
• Year 12 revision sessions booked
• All coursework/classwork/learning activities up to date

Completion of Work – Student Responsibilities – Authentication Issues

With so few weeks left before the end of classes, students need to undertake even greater responsibility for their own learning by ensuring that they are up to date with their class work and making sure they have documented the due dates for any upcoming assessments. At this time of the year, students often believe that they are “up to date” or that “I’ve done all my work.” In all VCE, VCAT and VET courses, teachers are required to authenticate student work, and the onus is on the student to prove that the work is theirs. If the student is not up to date, has significant absences or cannot produce the work when requested, it is likely that the student will fail subject.

The vast majority of work at this college is cumulative assessment and if students do not work consistently in and out of class then they are at risk of being unsuccessful.

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College Environment

Students are reminded that some changes take place at this time of the year:

• From Week 8 of Term 3, the Library becomes a quiet work area, not a social venue.
• Bells will be switched off once Year 12 exams commence
• Some areas of the school are closed at certain times (e.g. Student Centre when some Performance Exams are taking place)
• Students will be required to move quietly through certain areas such as near the Gym, Hall and B and P Block during the first 5 weeks of Term 4

Important Dates

Our website has the key dates for Term 4 – www.milsen.vic.edu.au

Term 4 is a very busy time for all students with events such as end of classes, exams, enrolments, clearing out of lockers, Celebration Day, 2nd hand book sales, Year 12 Dinner and Graduation to name a few.

Mark Tracy
Assistant Principal

Student Information

Discover the World on a WEP Student Exchange Program

Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon! Don’t miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

Sarah in Belgium “I really loved the orientation in Brussels, I had such a fun time. My host family were really welcoming of me and have kept me distracted for the first few weeks, which has helped a lot. In fact, I’ve barely felt homesick compared to what I was preparing for. The students were all very excited to have an Australian around that they could speak English with! During classes I mostly do French worksheets that they have given to me, or try to translate the worksheet that the rest of the class is focusing on”.

Student Information

Early Bird Special

WEP are offering students years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 VIC) a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online before 28 Nov 14.
If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP's not-for-profit student exchange organisation. If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 13 000 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2015, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may be eligible for a grant. Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 30 October 2014.

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme – Community Scholarship

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking applications from students aged between 18 and 30 who want to experience a “once in a lifetime experience” aboard the tall ship Young Endeavour in 2015. Further information is available from the website www.youngendeavour.org.au. The successful applicant will be entered into the ballot for the last leg Cape Town – Fremantle.

Applications are open to all students residing within the Wentworth Shire.

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Girls Basketball

On Tuesday 9th September, our Girls Basketball team played in the SSV State Finals in Melbourne. They drew one game and lost the other two. Ballarat HS took out the title of State Champions.

Mildura SC 31 Drew Melbourne GC 31
Ballarat HS 39 d Mildura Senior College 18
Williamstown HS 43 d Mildura SC 22

A great experience for our players to compete at the top level against some very good teams.

Dallas Cole
Coach

Exams

A message to parents of Year 12 students from Roz Devilee

(School Nurse and mother of a former Year 12 Student)

For the last few weeks of Year 12, be kind to your Year 12 young adults. It’s up to them now to make choices about preparing for the end of year Exams. Over the two week break they do need some down time and no nagging from you. Gentle encouragement and no interruptions are important when they are studying. Negotiate this with your Year 12 child but plan some fun time together as well. All you can do is give them some space, feed and water them well, be available for them to talk to you and allow them to get plenty of sleep, some exercise and sunshine.

For tips on Exam and study preparation a great web site to access is reachout.com

Important dates and information to remember

Year 12 Subject Selections For 2015

All year 12 students for 2015 should now have submitted their subject selections for 2015. Please see your subject coordinator on Monday 6th October if you have not yet done this.

Year 12 Enrolment-Counselling And Final Subject Selection

Students must attend their designated time listed below, parents are welcome:

Tuesday 25th November 9:30-11:30am
Students in PATHWAYS groups KBN, IVB, BPN, TFL, JEC
12:30-2:30pm
Students in PATHWAYS groups LGD, MHF, DFR, RBN, JWR, GST

Wednesday 26th November 9:30-11:30am
Students in PATHWAYS groups KBR, TBR, FMN, GMR, RML, KMR
12:30-2:30pm
Students in PATHWAYS groups KPT, RML, TED, RGB, SBY, FLO

Head Start Days

Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November 2014. On these days all Year 12 2015 students are required to attend as teachers will begin Unit 3 work and give out important work to be completed by the start of the following year. Attendance is compulsory.

Year 12 Exams 2014

Any student undertaking a Year 12 VCE Subject in 2014 should now have received their individual exam timetable along with the VCE Exam Navigator. Parents are encouraged to go through this booklet with their students and familiarise themselves with important information in regards to Year 12 Exams.

Year 11 Exams 2014

Year 11 Exams will be held at the college from Monday 10th November until Tuesday 18th November 2014.

Tracy Marr
Paths & Transition Coordinator

Year 12 Tertiary Applications

VTAC SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme applications – applications due in 7th October.

All students applying for courses in Victoria through VTAC should also submit a ‘Special Entry Access Scheme’ application. Special entry includes equity areas such as rurality, low income, non-English speaking background, disability and impairment, medical condition as well as severe emotional issues that may have prevented a student from adequately preparing for tertiary study. All of our students are eligible for the rurality category (one), as well as special consideration. The VTAC guide 2015 has information about the Special Entry Access Scheme and Special Consideration category information on pp 30-43.

It is the students’ responsibility to lodge their application, and send any documentary evidence to VTAC (such as Centrelink Family Assistance Letter). Cover sheets to attach documents can be printed from the students’ individual user account. No late documents will be considered.

VTAC Scholarships – Applications due in 17th October

Every student should do a scholarship application. If you are ineligible for Centrelink benefits, you must provide your Australian Tax Office-Notice of Financial Assessment for the 2013/2014 financial year (self declared pay slips no older than three months old). The VTAC Guide 2015 has VTAC scholarship information on pp 44-50. It is the students’ responsibility to lodge their application, and send any documentary evidence to VTAC. No late documents will be considered.

Tafe Applications

Students who are intending to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship for next year should be completing applications NOW. They should check job vacancies and register with local agencies like Sunraysia Mallee Group Training as soon as possible. Each week job vacancies are placed on the school intranet so students should be regularly checking these. There certainly will be a rush on jobs and apprenticeships before Christmas and early in the New Year.

Scholarships

Scholarships can be applied for through the Careers Centre and are regularly placed on the School Intranet home page under CAREERS. Students should be checking the intranet home page weekly.

Chances For Children Tertiary Scholarships

The Sept/October scholarship round is now open. Go to www.chancesforchildren.com.au and print off an application form. Bring the completed form to Mary Wilson (Well-Being Co-ordinator) or Lavina Hamilton, Careers Advisor to have the referring professional section filled in.

Centrelink Administered Scholarships

Student Start-Up Scholarship – for university students receiving student income support (Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY) entitled to $2,050 paid in two half yearly instalments in 2015.

Relocation Scholarships – For rural students who have to move away from home to attend university $4,000 in the first year and $2,000 in the following years of study.

Register with Centrelink as soon as your son/daughter has completed their exams, check your eligibility for Youth Allowance. The applications take a minimum of 21 days to process, so do not leave your application until you get an offer.

Accommodation Applications

- Should be completed Sept/Oct. after course applications are completed.

Please note that when you apply for entry into an institution you should also make an application for accommodation if that institution if it is your top three preferences.

Subetc Selection For 2015

Year 11 students should make the time to come and visit the Careers Centre to check out resources and collect information on courses in Victoria and South Australia etc.

If a student would like to have a consultation with me they can make an appointment by emailing me for a suitable time, or dropping in to make an appointment. Parents are most welcome to come as well, and appointments can be made outside of school time. Please ring the College on 5021 2911 or email hamiltonl@milsen.vic.edu.au.

Careers Centre

Tracy Marr
Paths & Transition Coordinator

Uni Guide Online – guide to costs and scholarships

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Lavina Hamilton
Career and Tertiary Advice Co-ordinator

Community Notices

2014 – 15 Summer 5-A-Side Soccer

Registrations close September 18th
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For an information/registration pack:
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Choose from one of 6 Divisions (subject to sufficient team entries)

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U12 (Girls and Boys)
U14 (Girls and Boys)
U16 (Girls and Boys)
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Senior Mens

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