Semester 2 Beginning
All students have now begun their Semester 2 studies. As always, I would urge those who have been working well to continue the good habits you have established. Attending all classes, being at classes on time and prepared and completing all set work are the basics that set you up for a successful semester of learning. For those students who had an indifferent Semester 1, take the opportunity to turn things around as early as possible.

Staffing
Since the last Newsletter Tracy Rudman has joined our staff and will be teaching VCE Psychology and VCAL Further Studies for the remainder of the year. Also, Mr Mark Tracy will be away for all of Term 3 as he will be taking Long Service Leave and we wish him all the best for his time off.

School Review
On the 25th May the School Review Report was presented to College staff and our College Councillors. In summary, the review team confirmed for us that we have a very good school. The purpose of this report and the subsequent follow up, is to identify areas where there is an opportunity to improve. This will then influence the next four year strategic plan which is currently being drafted.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College Principal, Mr Andrew Ough on 03 5021 2911 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Andrew Ough
Principal
Assistant Principals’ Report

Subject Changes
Change of subject night was held on the 4th June in the Student Centre. We changed over 130 students programs and were able to assist students with new text book lists. If students have changed subjects please ensure new text requirements have been organised to assist them to have a smooth start to the subject. Please enquire at the Front Office for details.

Mid-year Exams
Our students sat Year 11 Exams and/or the GAT (General Achievement Test) between the 5th and the 11th June. Results for Yr 11 exams will be on the Semester Reports. The GAT results are outlined to students in the end of year results from the VCAA.

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.

Student Coordinators
We have 5 Student Coordinators and families will have received letters introducing them. To speak with a Coordinator please call the College and ask for your Student’s Coordinator.

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 Tracy Marr (Transition and Pathways Coordinator) for further information as soon as possible.

Tri-Star Medical Services on Site
We have a Doctor (General Practitioner) in the last week of each month 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 Safety
Students who drive to school are reminded they should register their cars at the Front Office by filling out a Student Driver Form. Student drivers are also reminded that transporting other students in their vehicles is not permitted.

Parent Portal on the College Website
The Parental Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded 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)

Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal

Student Learning
Semester 2 is now well under way for all students. Every student should have received a Course Outline for their Unit 2 and 4 studies. All key assessment dates should be recorded on a calendar at home or into the calendar function on a mobile phone as in some weeks, students will have multiple assessments. Parents can also access copies of the Course Outlines in Compass, at the same location as Student Reports. These documents will provide parents with key dates as well as times when students should be undertaking revision/preparation for Assessment Tasks and SACs.

Anecdotally, it is clear that a number of students are still not completing enough work out of class time on a regular basis. We acknowledge that students do have commitments out of school such as sport and part time employment, but with some planning it is possible to balance all aspects of a teenager’s busy life. The main focus should be to establish a routine – one of the main reasons why students (in particular, Year 12 students) struggle with revision prior to or during the final weeks leading up to exams (“SWOTVAC”) is they have no routine – it is extremely difficult to go from doing little or no work to 8 or 10 hours of study a day in the lead up to exams.

The end of year exam program for Year 12 is now available online and can be accessed at http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx. Parents and students should make a copy of this. Students will receive an individual timetable later in the year.

A number of Year 11 students have been recognised for their academic achievements during Semester One. They will receive a certificate congratulating them on their success.

Student Learning Profile (SLP) 5 and Parent/Student (PST) Conference
SLP 5 was posted on June 1, and it was also available online on May 31 (see note below about Parent Portal). This is the final SLP for Semester 1. Our third PST (Parent/Student/Teacher Conference) was held on May 11th.

A large number of parents and students took the opportunity to discuss their most recent SLP and what needed to be done to ensure success in Units 1 and 3. Our next PST is on Monday 17th August. Parents will receive information about booking appointments and the start/finish time as the date draws closer. This will be our last formal PST for the year. Please note that teacher emails addresses do appear on our SLPs and parents can use these if telephone contact cannot be made.

SLP’s for Semester 2 will be available to Parents/Students as shown (please enter these dates on a calendar or in your mobile device as a reminder):-
- SLP 6 – Week Commencing July 2
- SLP 7 – Week Commencing August 17
- SLP 8 – Week Commencing August 31
- SLP 9 – Week Commencing October 5 (Last SLP for Year 12’s)
- SLP 10 – Date to be confirmed (Year 11 ONLY – parents should check this report online as Year 11 classes end November 6th)

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Parent Portal
Our Parent Portal (accessible through our Compass system) has been operational now for almost 6 months. All families received information about the Portal earlier in the year, including a booklet on the features of the Compass system. Whilst a number of parents have used this portal to access details about student attendance and to book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, the general “take up” of parents accessing the system to view SLP’s (Progress Reports) has been low. Parents are reminded that generally refunds relating to Camps/Excursions/Student Activities will be provided to families who have paid for excursions that are planned for in Terms 3 & 4 and the student has withdrawn from the subject prior to the start of Term 3. All other refunds for these activities are subject to the Mildura Senior College’s Parent Refunds Policy.

Parents are to refer to the Parent Refunds Policy as listed on our website www.milsen.vic.edu.au for details on how to apply for a refund.

Parent Refunds

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Key Dates
The college website now has a “Key Dates” link on the top toolbar, and this shows all the current key dates for the remainder of the year. Our aim is to update this on a regular basis. Please check this first before calling the school. Parents are reminded that Term 3 starts on Monday 13th July at 9am.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

Mark Tracy
Assistant Principal

Business Manager’s Report

Fees & Levy Adjustments relating to Subject Changes & New Enrolments
Family Statements will be mailed home with the first newsletter early in Term 3.

New Charges for Semester 2
When changing subjects, there will be no adjustment to student accounts if the charges relating to the essential education items are the same.

Changes in fees relating to student materials and kits will be made based on what materials are required to complete the subject outcomes in Semester 2.

Camps and excursions will be charged per activity.

College Environment
New heating and cooling has been installed in the Library. This is a welcome addition. We are confident that work on our new maintenance sheds will start during Term 3. Some minor maintenance will be carried out over the holiday break.

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We have also had pleasing numbers of students accessing the College facilities and teachers on Wednesday mornings. It is great to see students taking the opportunity to consolidate/enhance their learning by working in this manner.

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Mildura Senior College Newsletter
Thinking of Leaving Mildura Senior College?

Did you know that Under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 schooling is compulsory for students until they turn 17.

Students of compulsory age are only permitted to leave school if an exemption is in place. Further information regarding exemptions can be found on the Department of Education and Training website www.education.vic.gov.au or by speaking with your student Coordinator.

Regardless of your age or the reason you are planning on leaving the college, you must meet with your student Coordinator for a formal Exit Interview.

Were you aware that the Department of Education and Training requires schools to follow up on destinations of students 6 months after their exit date?

You can assist the school with this process by ensuring your contact details are accurate at the time of leaving. You will be contacted either by phone, mail or email to gather this information.

VET News

Trade Cafe

The VET Kitchen Operations and Hospitality students ran another superb event on 28th May at the Trade Café.

Diners had a choice from 3 main courses, Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb, Chicken Roulade and Vegetarian Lasagne. Dessert options included Hazelnut Meringue, Poached Pear, Warm Raspberry and White Chocolate Tart. There will be more functions held in Semester 2.

If you are not lucky enough to get along to one of these functions then come along to the next Parent/Student/Teacher Conference as the food is made and served by the same students.

SBAT News

Elliott Grayling and Markita Malcotti were nominated for the Victorian Training Awards School-based Apprentice and Trainee (SBAT) category and Elliott has successfully made it into the next round. He will be attending an interview in Melbourne this month and then will head to Crown Casino for the Awards night on August 28th. It was a hotly contested category this year and only four students from the State make it to the interview stage.

Congratulations to both students for the nomination and good luck Elliott.

Sports Report

Girls Soccer

13 girls set off for the soccer finals in Bendigo very early on the 25th May.

Surprisingly, their confidence soared despite the fact that they had no experienced goalie and only 3 girls who regularly play soccer (although some had played in primary school once and that’s the same right?).

5 minutes into the first game against Swan Hill it was clear that we were not well prepared for the competition and certainly not prepared for the opposition’s aggression. Despite going down 4-1 the girls were still very positive, leading the cheer for the opposition that unfortunately was not returned.

With the next game against BSSC, the girls showed great sportsmanship and character on the pitch.

After 2 losses all that could be seen on the faces of the MSC girls were huge smiles as they congratulated each other for having a go.

Special mention to our 3 leaders, Megan Hood, Marian Gadsden and Shanae Peterson who devised game plans and instructed the girls on the pitch. Also to our only goal scorer, Taylor Hand, our stand in goalie Kate Dellar and our linesman Ozlem Anar.

While their soccer skills may not have stood out on the day, their behaviour was certainly exemplary.

Stacey Jaques - Coach

General Information

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.

Mildura Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all those who competed in the Mildura Eisteddfod.

A special mention to Gabriella Millen who won the Sunraysia Ballet Award.

Year 12 Ball

The Year 12 Ball was held on Friday the 12th of June at Club Di Vinci, it was well attended by Yr 12 students from all over Sunraysia. A big thank you to all of the staff who assisted on the night particularly Colin Cole!
Girls AFL

On Monday evening of the 11th May, our students participated in Interschool AFL at No.3 oval.

In some years we have had over 90 girls sign up for AFL…this year we took to the field for our first game with barely enough players!! However, a few late arrivals later & we had a full team.

We played three games – two wins & a loss. Technically the loss shouldn't have counted as it was against Coomealla, & they are ineligible to continue to Loddon Mallee Region.

But, due to the unique nature of our local competition it did still count as a loss, and so it was down to the last game (versus the main contenders this year, Red Cliffs) to decide who would progress….not only was a win needed, but it would also come in Interschool AFL at No.3 oval.

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Cross Country

So fortunately the 6 students who signed up, weren't on the tertiary trips, didn't pull out at the last minute and turned up for cross country all ran extremely well!!

Brandon Dewyshe came 2nd (19:30) for 5.1 km
Alex McMonnies came 5th
Erika Florez 1st (11:53) 3.4km
Alex Bacon 3rd (12:33)
Sick Sheree Moore 5th
Molly Lyons 14th

Thank you to Kelly Morrison's VCAL class who assisted with official duties of the event, it helped the day run smoothly.

Thank you to all involved on the day.

Girls Hockey

What a day! After thinking that we had 15 players for the day we plummeted to the bare 11 and 7 of those had already played 9 games over two days so needless to say were already very tired. The main motivation for the girls was the knowledge that if they won they would get a hoodie!!

However, a few late arrivals later & we had a full team.

The first game was against Bendigo Secondary College where the girls dug deep and scored 3 goals to 0. Their second game was against Kerang and despite the best efforts of the umpire to hamper the girls performance they were able to hold Kerang to a nil all draw, sending Mildura Senior Girls through to Melbourne.

All of the girls should be very proud of themselves especially Olivia Taglierini who has only worn the goalie gear 4 times and was able to save a penalty stroke and several short corners, Jade Chapman and Ruby Chant who directed traffic and held the defensive side together, Madison Hellwege who having fresh legs ran and ran and Catherine Smith, who once she established that in hockey unlike footy, you can't tackle or shepherd was able to run the ball down the wing and send it in to the goals.

The girl's excellent behaviour and exemplary sportsmanship were a credit to the school.

Nicola Chant - Coach
That next level of competition took place on Thursday 28th May, just outside of Bendigo. THANK YOU to all girls – their efforts, absolute excitement, and ability to continue pushing themselves to the next contest was awesome to observe. They played with very good sportsmanship, and also behaved well towards staff, other schools, etc. A few students assisted all night – Kristie Weightman, as goal umpire and Gary Millsom as our waterboy.

A bigger thank you to Nicole & Dallas, who did all my work for me!

**Games**

v. St. Joseph’s College: won 6.1.37 to 1.7
v. Coomealla High School: lost 1.7 to 1.2.8
v. Red Cliffs Secondary College: won 2.2.14 to 0.1.1

Best on ground: Lorianne Lowerson, Ally Bottrell-Thorburn, Kaila McLean, Sheree Moore, Jorja Rowe, Emily Gray, Jessyca Neri. Special mention: Baeli Fishwick, Tamara Gilmour, Luisa-Maria Felise, Kate Dellar, Taylor Hand, Nicole Karagiannis.

Congratulations to Ria Snodgrass, Molly Young, Kira Forsyth, Holly Young, Cassidy Mahoney, Madeline Hogan, Georgia Pettet, Shania Poole.

Then on the 28th May, a busload of students travelled to StratfieldSafe (the Paris end of Bendigo) to play Loddon Mallee Region Boys & Girls AFL. Dallas managed the boys’ team, who were victorious against the one school they played, in an extended match to make the trip worthwhile. The boys are doing very well this year, in both the SSV & HSC competitions.

The girls had two games to play: versus Swan Hill Secondary College and Catholic College Bendigo. A tight match against Swan Hill started our campaign…we won the first half (15 to 2), however the 20 minutes halves were longer than the 12 minutes halves played at local level and so Swan Hill outran us in the second half to be victors. Final score was 23-29.

Before playing against us, Swan Hill had played Catholic College Bendigo (CCB), & as Swan Hill was defeated quite convincingly it was expected that we would have a similar result. In fact, the pennant was given to CCB before we had even played!

With an aggressive game plan of “flooding the back line” we attempted to reduce their scoring opportunities. I was really impressed with our girls, as 40 minutes in the backline is a long time. Even more impressive was the fact that we reduced their scoring shots in the second half (when mental and physical fatigue would set in, as well as a decrease in motivation). We also made more forays into the centre of the field, including a few entries into our forward 50!!

First half 33 – 0
Second half 17 - 0

Our girls are all very good athletes in their own sports, they just don’t get to play AFL regularly enough. All but two of the CCB squad play each week in the Bendigo Girls AFL competition. A number of the Swan Hill girls are also in a team in that competition.

Overall an enjoyable and incident-free trip. It makes the lack of sleep for staff, and the many tasks required to get school AFL off the ground (or should that be “on the ground”?), worth it.

Massive thank you to Dallas, Darren, Barry, Nicole, & all students (particularly those who assisted with duties, team management, etc).

Best on Ground: Lorianne Lowerson, Baeli Fishwick, Ally Bottrell-Thorburn, Taylor Hand, Jorja Rowe, Sheree Moore, Kate Dellar, Madeline Hogan.

**Katie Bouchier - Coach**

**MSC State Baseball Report**

On a chilly 26th May, the MSC School Boy’s Baseball side flew to Melbourne in an attempt to retain the State title.

Previously, the reputation and pure skill of the school team, as demonstrated through the general excellence of team coaches Morrison and Hayward, lead to the team easily getting through the early stages. The overall dominance made it look like the team was so good they played all their opponents off the park. So on this chilly Tuesday morning, 12 strapping lads and 2 “larger than life” staff members left Mildura knowing that success was not a case of if but when.

An early morning breakfast of muesli bars, soft drink, coffee and tea meant the team was raring to go the minute they touched down – all part of Morrison’s and Hayward’s grand scheme. Much of the success, according to coaches Morrison and Hayward, came down to excellent planning and ensuring a staple diet of high energy, sugary and carb laden consumables were always on offer. As both coaches were all too well aware, you don’t get ahead by ranting irrepressibly, thinking the world is too imperfect (as if instant coffee is just not good enough) or that your greens should be a staple part of any meal. It comes down to being ready for the moment – being a born winner and ready for whatever the world throws at you.

With Kane Razis and Anthony Carroll dominating early on the mound, the team kept opponents to low scores early in each game. Special mention also needs to go to Bryson Lush and Beau Matthews as relief pitchers – both lads helped to pile on more pressure late in games so that Razis and Carroll were right and rested for the final.

On the batting side, the team handled the pressure in the batter’s box very well. Across 3 group games and 9 total innings, the team reached the 7 run per innings a total of five times. Combined with the excellent pitching and fielding, the team’s batting lead to three wins from three group games of 14-0, 19-0 and 27-2. The final itself was a cagier affair. Once again Razis was excellent from the mound – keeping the opposition to 1 run in four innings from 77 pitches. The batting side of the final was slower though, largely thanks to a desire of the MSC lads to make the fielding team earn every out and more varied pitching from the opposition.

A 6-1 win saw the team retain the state title – a fitting result for an excellent squad and coaching effort. Overall, the team represented the school superbly and should be congratulated for their efforts in up keeping the excellent standards we so cherish here at Mildura Senior College.

**Matthew Hayward and Kelly Morrison - Coaches**

**Girls Tennis**

On Monday 18th May, the Senior Girls Tennis Team flew to Melbourne to again contest the SSSA State Championships at the complex in Balwyn.

The team, consisting of Sheree Moore, Kaila McLean, Madeline Barker and Sarah Fox played very attractive tennis in glorious sunshine, despite the early start to the day at Mildura Airport and ‘discussions’ over security matters due to tennis balls and a small pair of scissors in a pencil case!!

Soundly beaten by the Academy College, the team re focused and had to rise to the occasion versus Cranbourne. A titanic struggle against another Academy College played in great spirits, saw Mildura Senior College for consecutive years, finish third in the State.

These young people are a credit to themselves, their families and to our College.

**Grant Van Looy - Coach**
VET Kitchen Operations

< Rodney McManus
Term 3 ends at 2.30pm
July 30
College Council
Aug 24
Aug 17
Aug 2
July 31
Pupil Free Day – Year 10 Transition Day
College Council
Aug 2
Open Day 11am to 2pm for prospective 2015 enrolments
PST 4 Meetings 5.30pm to 7.30pm – Appointments Essential
Term 3 starts 9.00am
July