My message to students

At our most recent student 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.

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.

Congratulations Elliot Grayling – Victorian School-Based Apprentice of the Year 2015

I would like to congratulate Elliot Grayling who was recently awarded as the Victorian School-Based Apprentice of the year for 2015. This is a fantastic achievement and acknowledgement of the hard work Elliot has put into all of his endeavours. Elliot has shown a great ability to balance his time between school, work and his training at Sunratafe and continue to perform at a very high standard across all three areas. Well done Elliot!

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.

Andrew Ough
Principal
Assistant Principal Report

Important Information Mail out
In this recent mail out, families will receive important information about the end of year process, Graduation for Year 12 students, Subject Selection and Enrolment for Year 11 students and exams. Please read all of the information carefully and contact the College if you have any questions.

The Beat
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Beat 2015 production.

It was wonderful to see the Senior College represented by talented student 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 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 student’s Coordinator, please contact the College and ask for your Students 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 the Transition and Pathways Coordinators 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. 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)

State School Spectacular
Congratulations to the dancers who recently took part in the State Schools Spectacular. The dancers performed in nine dance items which they had been rehearsing for 6 months.

The Team were outstanding and we are particularly proud of Caitlin Holdcroft who was a soloist singer for the production.

Caitlin has been traveling to Melbourne almost every weekend for the past 6 months to rehearse. She was amazing and we are very proud to have her represent the College. Channel 7 will air a highlight reel of the production in October.

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.

Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal

Student Exams
All students undertaking Year 12 exams should have received a booklet (Exam Navigator) and an individual exam timetable. It is important that these documents are kept in a safe place. Students must familiarise themselves with the exam rules as well as what materials they can take into each exam as this varies from subject to subject. Under NO circumstances should students take mobile phones, iPods or other electronic devices into the exam room. The consequences for a breach of the exam rules are extremely serious. Students should arrive at the exam room at least 20 minutes before their exam. Year 11 students are reminded that the exam rules for Year 11 exams are identical to those for Year 12 students. The Year 11 Exam timetable will be published early in Term 4.

Please note that Performance Exams in Year 12 VCE subjects such as Music and Drama take place BEFORE October 28th. Students must familiarise themselves with these dates (see Exam Navigator).

Compass Parent Portal
When entering a parent approval please check the information for each class, if it says ‘Not Present: School explained’, there is no need to do anything.

If you are unsure please contact the College.

Belinda Hudak
Assistant Principal
Student Achievement

Australian Business Week 2015

Australian Business Week was conducted from the 10th – 14th August at the Grand Hotel. All year 11 Business Management students were split into teams where they were required to make decisions on the operation of a multi-million dollar hotel simulation, participate in team building activities, develop a product or service, produce a 30 second TV commercial and trade display, write a company report and make an oral presentation to their shareholders. Each group also worked with mentors from the local business community who donated their time to the program. A huge thankyou also goes to the local businesses who gave their support through donations of money, goods or vouchers.

It was an extremely busy, but enjoyable week for all who were involved and the new location has produced some positive feedback from students, mentors and teachers. Congratulations to all involved and a job well done

Individual Award winners

Most Outstanding Female Business Personality
Ashlee Milverton

Most Outstanding Male Business Personality
Jacob Graham

Best Oral Presenter Female
Laura Johnston

Best Oral Speaker Male
Cameron Kelly

Best Trade Display Personality Female
Ashley Milverton

Best Trade Display Personality Male
Joshua Lucchesi

Team Awards

Best Company Written Report
Highpoint Hotels

Best TV Advertisement
River Paradise Hotel

Most successful in the team building activities
Detendez-vous

Best Trade Display
Highpoint Hotels

Best Oral Presentation
Highpoint Hotels

Winner of the Hotel Simulation game
River Paradise Hotel

Grand Champions
River Paradise Hotel

Students who are considering leaving school?

If you are considering leaving school you must have a formal Exit Interview and a pathway option such as employment or an alternative training option.

For students considering leaving school, the College will be running transition session during Pathways, where students can speak to SMGT, SuntAFE and complete transition from school plans.

Students must provide the school with a copy of an employment letter or enrolment confirmation at the exit interview.

Exit interviews will occur during the Enrolment sessions in November. Parents/Careers are encouraged to attend.

If you plan to leave the College prior to this, please contact your Student Coordinator on 03 5021 2911.

Under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 schooling is compulsory for students aged from 6 until they turn 17. Students of compulsory age are only permitted to leave school if an exemption is in place. Exemptions are only available in certain circumstances.

Ministerial Order 705 allows exemptions in certain circumstances where a child will be engaged in at least 25 hours of approved education, training or employment.

Ministerial Order 715 allows exemptions in certain circumstances where leaving school is in the child’s best interests.


The Victorian Government compulsory school age is 17.

The agreed participation requirement includes:

A mandatory requirement for all young people to participate in schooling (meaning in school or an approved equivalent) until they complete Year 10; and

A mandatory requirement for all young people that have completed Year 10, to participate full-time (defined as at least 25 hours per week) in education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities, until age 17.

What is the participation requirement?

Until the age of 17 students must be for a minimum of 25 hours per week: in school, or registered for home schooling, OR in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), OR in full-time paid employment, OR in a combination of 1, 2 and/or 3

For careers and pathways counselling students can make individual appointments with Lavina Hamilton – Careers Advisor, or see their Pathways teacher. For further information please contact the College.
ABW Program – Business Mentors
Mildura Senior College would like to take this opportunity to thank all our valuable business mentors who have assisted us make our 2015 ABW Program the success it is.

Ashlee Ryan – Elders Insurance
Jeremy Seaward, John Kotroulous and 1st year Business Students – La Trobe University

ABW Program – Sponsorship and Business Assistance
Mildura Senior College would like to take this opportunity to thank all individuals and organisations who have assisted in any way to make our 2015 ABW Program the success it is.

Business Assistance (Judges & Guest Speakers)
Min Poole – Barry Plant Real Estate
Robert Klarich – I See I Hear
Andrew Ough – MSC Principal
Sharyn Byrne – MCS Business Teacher
Larisha Rowney – MSC Teacher
Tess Lane – One Idea
Peta Cooper – One Idea
Brett Driscoll – Ray White Real Estate
Amanda Smith – Sunraysia Farmers Market

Sponsorship of Prizes or Cash Donations

DHHS Student Scholarship/Kids Undercover
Jarna Campbell, Zac Smith and Miranda Whitton, were successful in achieving a $1100 Department of Health and Human Services/Kids Undercover scholarship to assist them with financial costs towards their school fees and other school expenses for 2016. These students travelled to Melbourne on the 8th September 2015 to receive their scholarship, along with three hundred other students throughout Victoria. Jarna, Zac and Miranda are planning to continue their studies at Mildura Senior College in 2016.

Sports Reports

Squash
The senior boys State Squash Finals were held at MSAC (Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre) in Melbourne on the 6th August.

Our team consisted of Nathan Willis, Aaron Willis and Zackery Sparks.

There were three rounds and a final position play off and each game went for 15 minutes, point per rally.

Although we were competitive we did lose our first two rounds – however the third round started with a win for Zac followed by a win for Aaron and although Nathan theoretically won (as the other team's no one forfeited) the other two wins had already cemented the win for this round.

Our final play-off for 5th or 6th position was tough. Both Zac and Aaron had losses but both only lost by just over 10 points each so an overall win for the team was still achievable. However our only winner in this round was Nathan who only took the lead in the last 5 minutes of the match. Keeping his cool and concentration to be in front when the whistle blew, wasn't quite enough points to get us over the line, but a fantastic win all the same.

Sixth was still a great outcome as they had moved up from 7th seed. (out of 8)

This was our first time entering a squash team and it was a great opportunity for the boys to play at MSAC (Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre) and meet other players their age playing their sport. All receiving a free racquet for attending from the sponsor of the Australian Squash Open which was being played at MSAAC.

Well done boys.

Yvonne Parker
Coach

Clay Target
Kerang – 20/8/15
Five of our students - Bethany Hayden, Tim Box, Tim Chapman, Travis Redman and Trent Gebhart competed on the day.

The sun was shining, the grass was green, the sheep had been moved to the back of the paddock and there was a cool, gentle 2-3 knot south easterly.

Our team were the winners on the day!

Senior Girl Champion        Bethany Hayden        17/20
Senior Boy Champion            Travis Redman            32/35
after a shoot off for High Gun –(overall champ -but lost)
Third Senior Boy            Tim Box          27/30
after a shoot off for second place

Team Champions            MSC          81/100

Number of schools in NZ        12
Number of competitors        81

It is off to Bendigo on the 7th September for State School Championships.

A big thank you to the team's parents for transportation and support to get their kids to this level of skill.

Shane Crowhurst
Coach
Victorian School-Based Apprentice of the Year Award Winner, Elliott Grayling.

MSC Clay Target Team: Bethany Hayden, Tim Box, Tim Chapman, Travis Redman and Trent Gebhart.

MSC Squash Team: Nathan Willis, Aaron Willis and Zackery Sparks.

Above: Jarna Campbell, Zac Smith and Miranda Whitton receive Scholarship from DHHS Kids Undercover.

Left: Jacob Phillips, VET Engineering student with plasma cutter artwork.
What is Chances for Children?

Chances is a local fund that aims to remove financial barriers for children and young people in the Mallee to achieve their potential – be it tertiary education, sporting or cultural pursuits.

Our mission is: “That the absence of money or support will not stand in the way of a young person reaching their potential.” “Dare to Dream”

Main Chances Fund
(two funding rounds each year)

- Tertiary studies – including University, TAFE & Apprenticeships associated costs.
- Integration Aide Support
- Sport and music (applicant must demonstrate high level of achievement and that the area of interest is being considered as a career path)

Keeping Kids at Secondary School Fund
(Open all year round – Years 11 & 12 only)

- Text books/Stationery
- Curriculum Fees
- Curriculum related Equipment/materials
- Curriculum based camps & excursions

Connecting Kids with Community Fund
(Open all year round where funding permits)

- Promoting extra curriculum activities ie scouts & guides, club sports
- Equipment/materials (eg footwear, uniforms, essential equipment)
- Tuition fees
- Membership fees/Club Insurance & registration fees

Please contact Chances Staff on 5021 7480 Mildura or 5032 4479 Swan Hill or visit our website www.chancesforchildren.com.au for more information

Don’t forget to Like our facebook page - www.facebook.com/chances.mildura
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Chances invests in the future of our children & young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential. For more information please visit www.chancesforchildren.com.au or phone 5021 7480

Chances Tertiary Resource Guide

An information pack for families with students considering attending university.

Log onto

www.chancesforchildren.com.au

for a printable copy of the Chances Tertiary Resource Guide


Valuable information for parents and students considering Tertiary Study

https://www.facebook.com/chances.mildura
October
5 Term 4 starts 9.00am
12 College Council
20 Last day of Year 12 classes (Tuesday)
21 Pupil Free Day
28 Year 12 written exams commence (English)

November
3 Melbourne Cup Holiday
6 Year 11 classes end 3.10pm
9 Year 11 exams start College Council
16 Year 12 Graduation
18 College Council
19 Year 12 Graduation College Council
21 College Council
28 Term 4 starts 9.00am

December
7 Last day of Term 4; Semester report for Year 11 students posted home