

PRINCIPALS REPORT

KEY DATES

Since February, we have watched our new basketball courts take shape behind V-Hub, and they will be a fantastic addition for students once complete. Our Quadrangle redevelopment is also set to begin in the coming weeks.

We are excited to see our talented students and staff bring SIX Teen Edition to life on Wednesday 23 April & Thursday 24 April at 7.30pm in the College Gymnasium. This dynamic musical reimagines the lives of Henry VIII's six wives as a modern pop concert, giving them a fresh voice. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite.

Futures Day will be held at La Trobe University & SuniTAFE this Saturday, 29 March, from 9am to 12.30pm. This event gives students a taste of post-high school study and is a great opportunity for those still exploring their options. Interested students should register at La Trobe's website.

As we approach Easter, I wish you all a joyful and restful holiday filled with happiness and connection. While the break is a chance to recharge, we know some families may need support. Please reach out to appropriate services if needed. Additional resources are available at:

- headspace.org.au
- reachout.com.au
- youthbeyondblue.org.au
- youthcentral.vic.gov.au
- 1800respect.org.au

I'd also like to wish our Assistant Principal, Kate Zimmer, all the best as she begins her family leave. We are grateful for her dedication and look forward to welcoming her back in the future.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter!
Kind regards,

Belinda Hudak
Principal

Saturday 29 March	Futures Day at La Trobe University
Tuesday 1 April	AFL Gala Day
Friday 4 April	End of Term
Monday 21 April	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 22 April	Term 2 Commences
Wednesday 23 April	SIX Performance
Thursday 24 April	SIX Performance
Friday 25 April	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
Wednesday 7 May - Friday 9 May	Adelaide Tertiary Trip



We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Lands on which we meet, the Latje Latje, Ngintait and Nyeri Nyeri, the First Peoples of the Millewa Mallee. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We also pay our respects to neighbouring Traditional Owners the Barkinji Tribe, across the river in NSW.

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Principal Belinda Hudak

Assistant Principal John Thomson Assistant Principal Kate Zimmer Assistant Principal Lewis Gunn

Business Manager Jade Jackson

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Assistant Principals Update

Student Pathways, Transition and Wellbeing

As a quick reference guide, parents and students are reminded that the following points will ensure a smooth start for students in 2025:

- The College has a minimum attendance requirement of 90% for all classes, including Pathways. Rolls are marked each lesson and parents will receive an SMS notifying them of an unexplained absence.
- Students must bring correct materials to all classes – this includes appropriate footwear for practical classes.
- Mobile Phones are to be kept in lockers throughout the day, including recess and lunch.
- Students should not access their lockers between classes.
- The College has high expectations of student behaviour.
- Access to local shops during the school day is permitted at lunch and recess only. Students are not permitted to stay at the shop after their purchase.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted on College grounds or in the vicinity of the College. This rule is strictly enforced.
- If you have not already done so throughout the enrolment period, **please supply the College with a current email address and mobile phone number** so that we are able to contact you in regards to your students progress.

Teacher Assistance - Wednesday Morning Study Sessions

Many staff have been scheduled into classrooms to give students individual help on Wednesday mornings.

Please encourage your student to attend school from 9am every Wednesday to gain this extra support. Students can also catch up on missed work, and deepen or extend their learning.

Student Services Centre

Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Student Support Leaders and Attendance Officer. 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.

To speak with a student's Student Support Leader, please call the College and follow the prompts or email them on:

Nicole Hynes nicole.hynes@education.vic.gov.au

Casey Allan casey.allan@education.vic.gov.au

Nick Oliver nicholas.oliver@education.vic.gov.au

Brooke Summers brooke.summers@education.vic.gov.au

Homework Club

Homework Club is held in the Library after school until 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Students will benefit by attending and forming small study groups or completing individual homework and study.

2025 Daily Start and Finish Times

Day	Classes Start	Classes Finish
Monday	9:00am	2:20pm/3:05pm
Tuesday	9:00am	2:20pm/3:05pm
Wednesday	11:00am	3:10pm
Thursday	9:00am	3:10pm
Friday	9:00am	3:10pm

Students may occasionally be required to undertake a SAC (School Assessed Coursework) Monday or Friday at 2.30pm - 3.30pm or Wednesday mornings at 9.00am.

Reports

Parents will receive regular updates (every 4 weeks) on student progress either by mail or through our Parent Portal, as well as contact details for class teachers, Pathways Teachers and Student Support Leaders.

Tips for Success

Students can ensure a smooth start to the year by following these tips:

- Check your school emails.
- Enter all due dates/important dates on a calendar.
- Familiarise yourself with the rules and MSC values as quickly as possible.
- Arrive punctually to class with the correct materials.
- Settle into a routine of homework, revision and study as soon as possible.
- Keep up to date with all classwork.
- Hand work in on time.
- Ask for help.
- Use Homework Club and Wednesday mornings to seek teacher help.
- Attend Parent Student Teacher Conferences (PST). This is an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and gain assistance to improve your student's learning.)



Students Driving Cars to School

As a number of our student body are at the stage of life that enables them to be licenced drivers, it is important to point out the Mildura Senior College Student Code of Conduct stipulates the following in accordance with Department of Education guidelines:

- Students are not permitted to transport other students while in daily attendance at the college, or to and from any College function or event.
- This means that students can NOT transport other students to and from school or during the school day. Parent permission does NOT exclude students from this rule. This rule is DE policy which the College is mandated to follow. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- Students can park in the gymnasium carpark or on Fourteenth Street. There are designated areas where students can and cannot park their car.
- Students are not permitted to park in Havilah Crescent or on the private land between Havilah Crescent and Deakin Avenue.
- Students wishing to drive a vehicle to school must register their details with the Front Office to assist us to identify student cars in the event of an accident or concern.
- Failure to observe rules and to drive with adequate care in the vicinity of the College may lead to suspension and Police involvement.

The area in and around the College is particularly busy between 8.30am - 9.00am, 1:00pm – 2:00pm, and 3.00pm - 4.15pm and all drivers should proceed with care. At all times, please observe the speed restriction zones (40km/h) in Deakin Avenue and Fourteenth Street to help keep everyone safe.

Parent Portal

Parents have received information regarding access and use of our Parent Portal. This portal will provide parents with access to a range of information, including student attendance, timetables and reports. If there are any issues accessing the portal, please contact the College on 5021 2911 or ictsupport@milsen.vic.edu.au

We look forward to working with you all to support student success in 2025.

Student Injury Personal Accident Protection

Parents should be aware that the College does not provide comprehensive insurance cover for students. Parents requiring information about student insurance regarding accidents or personal items bought to school are advised to contact an insurance retailer.

2025 School Fees

Fee Payment can be made by one of the following options:

- BPay - using your unique biller code & reference number on your statement
- In person
- Credit Card by calling the College on 5021 2911 and providing your students name.
- Flexible Payment schedules are available to all.

Please see our Business Manager, Jade Jackson to discuss support for school fees.

Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

- Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy www.milsen.vic.edu.au/policies, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

John Thomson, Kate Zimmer & Lewis Gunn

Assistant Principal Team



Ready to get a Head Start on your career?

Kickstart your career with a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship through Head Start.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) are an employment-based learning pathway that you can take during your secondary schooling. You will combine your senior school years with paid part-time employment and skills training in a dedicated field.

About Head Start

Head Start will support you to do an SBAT during school. Head Start teams are based in government schools across Victoria and provide wrap-around support for the duration of the SBAT.

Eligibility

You can undertake an SBAT if you are:

- ✓ Over 15 years old
- ✓ Enrolled in years 10, 11 or 12
- ✓ An Australian citizen or permanent resident

*Non-citizens may be eligible under certain circumstances.
Speak with your Head Start coordinator for more information.

Benefits

By joining Head Start you will:



Increase your future employability and earning potential, by gaining the skills, confidence and knowledge you need to succeed in the future workplace.



Undertake a secondary certificate such as the VCE, including the VCE Vocational Major, or the Victorian Pathways Certificate.



Undertake paid employment to build the career you want.



Access quality VET courses, in a wide range of industries with an approved training provider. Courses include building and construction, trades, community services, early childhood education, health, digital media and technologies, hospitality, engineering and more.



Combine regular school attendance with a minimum of seven hours per week of employment, and a minimum of six hours per week of structured training, (averaged over 3 periods of 4 months in each year of the SBAT). At least one day per week is timetabled by your school to be spent on the job or in training during the normal school week.

Getting started with Head Start

Get started in five easy steps

- / Career planning** Your school counsellor will work with you to find the right career pathway and connect you with a Head Start coordinator.
- / Plan your pathway** Your Head Start coordinator works with you to develop your pathway plan.
- / Find an employer** Your Head Start coordinator will work with you to find an employer.
- / Do a trial** You'll complete work experience or structured workplace learning to make sure it's the right fit.
- / Get started** Your Head Start coordinator works with school staff to create a flexible timetable to help you combine school, work and training successfully. You will receive one-on-one support throughout your SBAT, and will be supported to transition into a full or part time apprenticeship or traineeship once you have finished school.

Find out more

See Cara Bradshaw in our Careers Centre or email cara.bradshaw@education.vic.gov.au

Student Achievement - Alumni

Evelyn Cirillo - C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship.

"The residential scholarship is valued at up to \$75,000 over three years. The Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate and postgraduate students in Australia.

Evelyn is enrolled in Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of International Relations degrees at the University of Adelaide and is residing at St Mark's College.

Evelyn Cirillo achieved exceptional academic outcomes in her senior years at Mildura Senior College. She is a well-rounded student who demonstrates strong leadership and teamwork skills, and is a considerate, positive, caring individual. Evelyn graduated with an ATAR of 95.75.

She is a committed and passionate student who was also involved in many extra-curricular activities. Evelyn represented Mildura as a member of the 2024 YMCA Youth Parliament and made a major contribution to a group presentation which delivered a Bill on Housing Affordability.

Evelyn demonstrates initiative, supportive collaboration with her peers, insightful research and sound leadership. Her written and oral communication skills are outstanding. She has been a Representative Council Member and a Peer Mentor to new students wanting to pursue further study and adjust to the demands of secondary schooling.

Her community involvement includes being a representative soccer player and umpire, officiating at multiple games for the Sunraysia Football Federation. Evelyn was awarded the Young Referee of the Year in 2021.

Evelyn's determination to bring about positive change means her career will shape Australia for the better. Her career goal is to represent Australia in the diplomatic service or joining an intergovernmental organisation like the United Nations."



Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. Applications for the 2026 Charles Hawker Scholarships open in November. An online application form and further information are available from www.hawkerscholarship.org after the opening date or by contacting the Secretary to the Trustees.

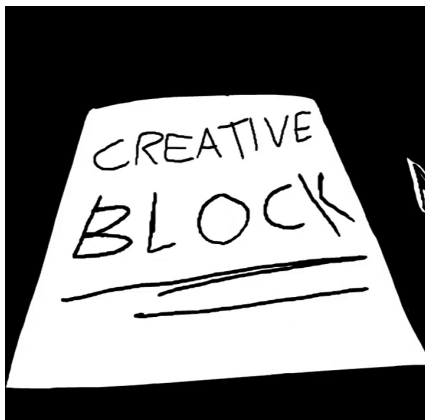
Top Designs 2025

Congratulations to 2024 graduate Julia Fuda for being selected for Top Designs 2025.

Julia created a great animation called 'Creative Block'. Her character battles with inspiration when putting pen to paper and struggles with frustration as time passes. What a fantastic achievement! She is one of seven students chosen from the state for VET Screen and Media / Creative and Digital Media.

The exhibition opens at the Melbourne Museum on the Saturday 29 March 2025 and runs until Sunday 20 July 2025.

<https://museums victoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/whats-on/top-designs/>



Harmony Day

Mildura Senior College students came together to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and community on Harmony Day! The day was filled with fun activities, cultural performances, and a strong sense of unity.

Students showed their support by wearing orange or cultural dress and took part in an exciting lineup of lunchtime events, including an Acknowledgement of Country, face painting by the SRC, musical performances, and cultural dances.

The Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game brought plenty of excitement, while food vans like One More Chai, Dough Boys, and SA:SA MOMO CHA served up delicious treats, including authentic Nepalese dumplings and cuisine. Many students completed their stamped bingo cards and returned them to the office for a chance to win a prize. Harmony Day was a fantastic celebration of respect, inclusion, and cultural diversity!



Sunnyland Press Excursion - Year 11 VET Business

Excursion to Sunnyland Press

Our Year 11 VET Business students recently visited Sunnyland Press, gaining real-world insights into how workplace documents are created.

Students learned about automation in the quoting system, where templates help streamline the process, saving time and reducing errors. They also saw how automation-focused printing and updated technology improve efficiency.

The team at Sunnyland Press highlighted the importance of teamwork and how staff collaborate to deliver high-quality results from the design to production and customer service. Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity to see theory come to life in a dynamic and professional setting! We are very grateful to Sunnyland Press for allowing to visit their business and to Marcus Warn for organising the excursion and driving the bus for us.



General Achievement Test

GAT (General Achievement Test) is set for Tuesday June 17th 2025.

Who sits the GAT

Both Sections A and B

- Students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3–4 sequence, including students who are seeking an ATAR and those who have sat the GAT before

Section A only

- Students enrolled in one or more VCE Vocational Major (VM) Unit 3–4 sequence but who are not enrolled in any VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3–4 sequences.
- If a student has already met the standards in a previous year and they are enrolled in VCE VM but

not in any VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3–4 sequences, they will not be expected to sit Section A. However, they may opt to do so if they wish.

If your student is unable to sit the GAT, you must apply for exemption with VCAA. Exemption is granted depending on the circumstances meeting set criteria, such as work attendance, illness, injury, family funeral.

APPLICATIONS for EXEMPTION must be submitted by Friday 27 June – please contact Cath Banks for support with this process.

Please contact Melissa Davies for support with the **Special Provisions Process**.

Section A: Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy

9:00–9:15 am

Reading time

9:15–11:15 am

Writing time to complete Section A, which has:

- one writing task with 2 parts
- 50 numeracy multiple-choice questions
- 50 reading multiple-choice questions

Break: 11:15 am–1:15 pm

Section B: General knowledge and skills

1:15–1:30 pm

Reading time

1:30–3:00 pm

Writing time to complete Section B, which has:

- one extended writing task
- 25 mathematics, science and technology multiple-choice questions
- 25 arts and humanities multiple-choice questions





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TEEN EDITION

ON SALE NOW!

Wednesday 23 April, 7.30pm
& Thursday 24 April, 7.30pm

This dynamic and empowering musical reimagines the lives of Henry VIII's six wives as a modern pop concert, giving them the chance to tell their stories in a fresh and engaging way.

Book your tickets via the QR Code or at the Front Office.



FUTURES DAY

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025

9.00AM – 2.00PM

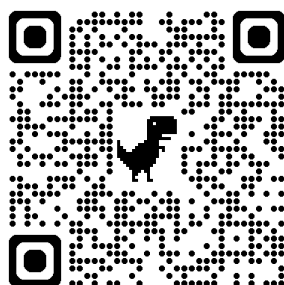
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AFL

Tuesday 1 April 2025, Bambill Oval

GALA DAY

Mildura Senior College students are invited to come along and support MSC's talented AFL players. This internal game is a great chance to see our athletes showcase their skills and teamwork.

Game Times:

Boys - 11:20AM - 12:30PM

Girls - 12:35PM - 1:15PM

**Wear Footy
Colours Day!**





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MONASH UNIVERSITY MED-TORING FOR YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS

Are you considering a career in health? Our Med-Toring program connects you with medical, nursing and allied health students undertaking placement in the Sunraysia region.

Take part in three sessions with guest speakers, hands-on practical sessions and workshops.

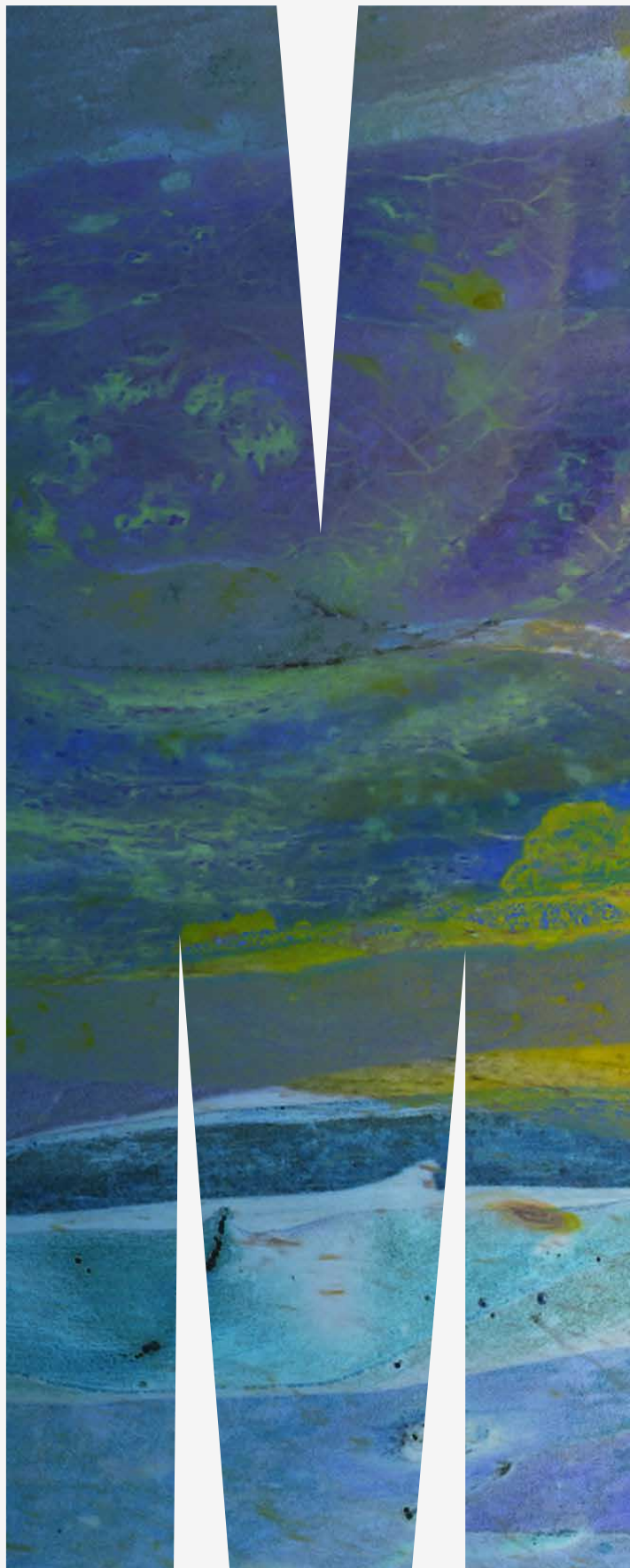
2025 DATES:

- Thursday 20 March
- Thursday 27 March
- Thursday 3 April

Sessions run from 3.45pm - 5.15pm
at Monash Rural Health Mildura



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WEEK ONE ACTIVITIES

Monday 7 April 2025: 1pm-3pm

Arnnie's Laserforce

62 Orange Avenue Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

Join in for two hours of action packed Laserforce. Play a variety of Laserforce games and enjoy free access to the arcade games and air hockey. Snacks provided.

Tuesday 8 April 2025: 9am-11am

NITRO Golf

733 Fifteenth Street Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

Experience two hours of fun playing golf on the indoor golf simulators. The indoor golf simulators provide supreme accuracy and realism.

Snacks provided.

Wednesday 9 April 2025: 11am-2pm

Chef for the Day: Mexican Cuisine

SunTAFE, 453 Benetook Avenue Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

A qualified Chef will guide you on how to prepare a popular Mexican flavoured dish. You also get time to sit and enjoy eating what you cooked.

Thursday 10 April 2025 10am-12noon

Lino Printing

SunTAFE, Skills & Job Centre 453 Benetook Avenue Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

A two-hour session on the basics of lino printing with an etching press. You'll learn to transfer a hand-drawn original image onto a lino plate, various carving techniques and inking application.

Snacks provided.

Friday 11 April 2025 - 2pm-4pm

Crafternoon - Craft activities

Homebase, 89-91 Pine Avenue Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

Join us for Crafternoon at Homebase for some fun creative activities; paint a tote bag, T-shirt or shoes, and a make your own body scrub workshop. We'll provide the materials and fun. Snacks provided.



**Scan here
to book**



For more information:

Dawn Johnston

03 5018 8100 or

youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au

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WEEK TWO ACTIVITIES

Monday 14 April 2025: 1pm-3pm

Easter Craft Activity

Mildura Scout Hall 39 Twelfth Street, Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

Marie, local artist will show us how to create a colourful Easter decorative bowl. Some chocolates may be involved!
Snacks provided.

Thursday 17 April 2025: 11am-1pm

3x3 Basketball Comp & Social

Back Court Mildura 2/12 Seventh

Street East, Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

Spend two hours with Sammy and his coaches at Back Court. We will have competitions, prizes and a social court just to shoot hoops.
Pizzas & snacks provided.

Tuesday 15 April 2025: 9.30am-1.30pm

Accredited First Aid Training by

Mildura First Aid

Workingman's' Club, 100-110 Deakin

Avenue Mildura

Ages: 14-25 years

A "Provide First Aid – HLTAID011" training course is practical to know in case of an emergency and it looks great on your resume. An online component must be completed prior to course day.
Bring your own snacks.

FRIDAY 18 APRIL 2025

GOOD FRIDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

NO ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 16 April 2025: 10.30am-12noon

Dog Man Movie

Wallis Cinema, 93 Deakin Avenue Mildura

Ages: 12-17 years

Dog Man is half dog, and half man, he is sworn to protect and serve as he doggedly pursues feline supervillain Petey the Cat from cloning himself and going on a crime spree.
Bring your own \$\$ for snacks & drinks.



Arrive 15 minutes prior to the event starting.



Bring a water bottle to each activity.



Extra snacks can be purchased at most activities.





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