



JULY NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 2 was a productive and dynamic time at Mildura Senior College, with a strong academic focus across both year levels. Our Year 11 students completed their Unit 1 exams, while Year 12 students engaged in revision and participated in our 'Future Ready' program, which supported their transition beyond school. These sessions covered vital topics such as ATAR understanding, employability skills, and study strategies - equipping students for life after Year 12.

We were incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of two of our students, Matthew Prescott and Archie Thompson, who represented the College at the National WorldSkills Competition in Brisbane. This prestigious event showcases vocational excellence across the country. Matthew received a Bronze Medal in the VETiS Plumbing category, and Archie earned a Medallion for Excellence in the VETiS Electro Technology category. Congratulations to both students on their outstanding accomplishments.

On Thursday 12 June, we welcomed students from our partnership schools to experience life at MSC through our annual Discovery Day. This hands-on event gave students the opportunity to explore subjects, meet teachers, and become familiar with the College environment. That evening, we held our reimagined Open Night, which was a huge success. We were thrilled to host more than 370 visitors who enjoyed the vibrant night atmosphere, live music, a basketball display, and delicious catering by The Verdict and our College Council BBQ. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the evening's success; including our student tour guides.

To finish off the term, our Year 12 students attended the Combined Schools Year 12 Ball on Friday 20 June. This memorable evening gave students a chance to connect with peers from other schools and celebrate their senior year together in style.

Core business for Mildura Senior College is ensuring our students find their 'Pathway to the Future'. As part of this mission, our Year 12 students have engaged in tertiary information sessions where representatives from 16 organisations provided information about courses, accommodation and scholarships.

In addition to this students across Years 11 & 12 have participated in the annual Melbourne Tertiary Trip to La Trobe, Monash, Swinburne, Deakin and Victoria Universities along with the Melbourne Careers expo. Univeristy applications are now open.

Our \$30,000 Enid Borschmann Applications open on Friday 1st August. Please see Compass for full details.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and wonderful students for making Term 2 such a success. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding Term 3.

Kind regards,

Belinda Hudak
Principal

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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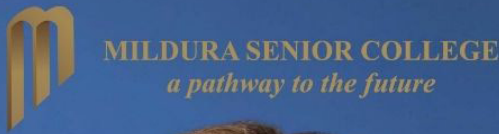
Principal Belinda Hudak

Assistant Principal John Thomson **Assistant Principal** Lewis Gunn **Acting Assistant Principal** Melissa Davies

Business Manager Jade Jackson

Key Dates

Week 2	
Friday 1 August	Enid Borschmann Scholarship Opens
Week 3 - Snow Camp	
Tuesday 5 August	Year 12 Group Photo after lunch Year 12 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 7 Augsut	Jeans for Genes Day
Week 6	
Tuesday 26 August	Assembly - Affirmative Consent
Wednesday 27 August	Be a Teacher Day - Information Session
Thursday 28 August	Wear It Purple Day
Friday 29 August	Student Free Day
Week 7	
Tuesday 2 August	Assembly - Year 12
Week 8	
Tuesday 9 September	Assembly - Year 11
Wednesday 10 September	Out of the Shadows Walk, 9am
Thursday 11 September	RUOK Day
Week 9	
Tuesday 16 September	NAIDOC Day
Friday 19 September	School Magazine Cover Design Closes End of Term



JEANS FOR GENES



Together, we can make
a difference for the 1 in 20
kids with a birth defect or
genetic disease

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST

WEAR YOUR JEANS

WEEK 3 - LUNCHTIME SALE

AWARENESS PIN \$3 & STATIONERY SET \$5

Amelia, 8
Kabuki Syndrome

Assistant Principals Update

Student Pathways, Transitions and Wellbeing Update

As we continue supporting students through key stages of their secondary education, here are a few updates from the Transitions, Pathways, and Wellbeing teams:

Transitions

- Year 10 transition sessions are underway, with a focus on student interests and future goals.
- Key transition events are scheduled for Term 3 to support a smooth start to 2026.
- Individualised support continues for students joining us mid-year or from alternative settings.

Pathways

- Weekly Pathways sessions are supporting students in exploring career options, building employability skills, and tracking progress.
- Subject selection planning for 2026 has commenced and students will receive guidance on available study options and how they align with future goals.
- We are collecting student data to assist various teams in providing tailored support for students’ next steps, whether that be in further education, training, or employment.

Wellbeing

- Our Wellbeing Team continues to offer support for students with emotional, social, or mental health needs.
- Students and families are reminded that support is always available.

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 Support Leader, please call the College and follow the prompts or email them:

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
Rob Sinclair	rob.sinclair@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 Tuesday at 2.30pm - 3.30pm or Wednesday mornings at 9.00am.

Student Progress Reports

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

Tips for Success

Students can ensure continued success throughout the year by following these tips:

- Check your school emails.
- Enter all due dates/important dates on a calendar.
- Familiarise yourself with our expectations, policies 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.
- Submit work on time.
- Ask for help.
- Use Homework Club and Wednesday mornings to seek teacher help.

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.
- No parking is permitted near Gate 5 on Fourteenth Street

- next to the yellow line. Council Parking fines may be issued.
- 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 and 5km in school grounds 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

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. Email Jade.Jackson@education.vic.gov.au.

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

Lewis Gunn & Melissa Davies

Assistant Principal Team

Assistant Principal, John Thomson is on leave for Term 3. Please see Lewis or Melissa for your enquiries.

Careers Centre

At the end of Term 2 nearly all Year 12 students have met with Amanda Smith, Tertiary and Careers Advisor to discuss their options once they complete Year 12 and how the Careers team can support each individual with their future career pathway transitioning from school to University or the world of work. If your young person has not met with either Amanda Smith or Cara Bradshaw, Workplace Transition Coordinator, to discuss how they can support them once they complete Year 12 please encourage them to call into the Careers Centre, or they can email Amanda.Smith9@education.vic.gov.au or cara.bradshaw@education.vic.gov.au to arrange an appointment.

If your young person is still researching their options with the resources provided through their one on one career consultations, through Pathways class or Work Related Skills and Personal Development classes and are still unsure please encourage them to see either Amanda (Tertiary studies) or Cara (Apprenticeships/Traineeships/Employment).

The option to undertake work placement or work experience during school holidays or even after exams is still an option and worth considering. This is a great way to obtain an insight into different industries and the job roles and skills required on a day to day basis. For some seeking employment it can lead to the outcome of being offered a full time position.

Early Conditional Entry

An Early Conditional Entry offer into a University course is possible with each University offering their Early Entry Program or Guarantee Early Entry offer based on a variety of components such as Year 11 academic results, community contribution, volunteer work etc. By subscribing online to the University of choice's newsletters this will provide you with up-to-date information such as when applications open and closing dates. Other informative information such as registering for upcoming Open Days and applications for accommodation will be promoted regularly. Some also have an online chat assistant if you have any further questions.

University Open Days which are coming up from the end of July and throughout August are a great opportunity to attend together with your young person to get a feel for what the campus is like, talk to the Department heads, Lecturers and others involved in certain program areas such as Engineering, as an example, as there are a variety of different areas of Engineering and to see what student support services and accommodation options there are. List of 2025 TAFE and University Open Days <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-others/open-days>

Tertiary Admission Centre Applications

All Year 12 students who are applying to study at Univeristy in 2026 or defering study until 2027 will be creating their TAC (Tertiary Admission Centre) account on Tuesday 5th August during Pathways class.

This process is fully supported by the Careers team and student ambassadors from La Trobe University's Mildura Campus to assist with any trouble shooting. In preparation for this day all students creating their TAC account whether it be in Victoria (VTAC), South Australia (SATAC), NSW (UAC) or Queensland (QTAC) will require their VCAA number and USI (Unique Student Identifier). For those students who do not have a USI, during school holidays will be a great time to create one by applying through the following link <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/create-your-usi>. Please ensure that the student uses their personal email address and mobile number for future reference if they need to retrieve it. When creating a TAC account the student will be using their personal email address, not their MSC email address.

ATAR Results

Year 12 students will receive their ATAR score on Thursday 11th December 2025 from 7.00am via their personal email or by logging into their VTAC account if they have created one. Students will need to register to receive their ATAR results, however, this will be promoted throughout Term 3 in Pathways classes.

December Offers

For those students who are applying to study in Victoria, December first round University offers will be released on Tuesday 23rd December 2025 and for South Australia first round offers will be on Thursday 15th January 2026. There will be further information provided throughout Term 3 in Pathways classes.

Scholarships: For financial assistance in paying for Univeristy accommodation, general living expenses, purchasing resources such as needing to upgrade your laptop and paying for course fees and any extras such as uniforms can be applied for. Scholarships open at all times from now onwards even up until March 2026. Depending upon the eligibility crierita which is outlined in each individual scholarship will determine what you can apply for. For a list of some of the scholarships please refer to the Mildura Senior College Careers website <https://milduraseniorcollegecareers.com/>, click on "For students" scroll down to "Scholarships" then click on "various scholarships". It is worth the time to research and apply for as many scholarships as possible. Every \$500 or \$1000 scholarship helps with relocating and living away to undertake further tertiary study.



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are also welcome to apply.

For more information visit
www.milsen.vic.edu.au/employment

On Placement

Insights from Student Teachers at Our College

Over the past term, we've had the pleasure of welcoming several pre-service teachers completing their placements at our college. These future educators have brought fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and a genuine passion for learning to our classrooms. Our staff have enjoyed mentoring them and sharing their expertise, while our students have benefited from the energy and creativity these aspiring teachers bring. We wish them all the best as they continue their journey towards becoming inspiring educators.

We interviewed them for insight into their experience at Mildura Senior College.

Amy Xue (Xingbei Xue)
The University of Melbourne

Subjects to be teaching: Creative Practice, Visual Communication Design, Art Making & Exhibiting

MSC Mentor (s):
Emma Astill

Hometown:
Chengdu City, China

Schools attended:
The University of Adelaide - Bachelor of Media (Major in Visual Arts), High School & Middle School in China.

Hobbies/Interests
UI, UX Design
Hiking
Linocut & Printmaking
Textile
Water Colour Painting
Graphic Design
Guitar

Thoughts on MSC and Mildura
"MSC has a really supportive and cretaive atmosphere. Especially in the Visual Arts Area. I was inspired by how students are encouraged to express themeselves and develop their own artistic voice. Mildura itself feels like a close knit and welcoming community which really adds to the positive learning environment."

Why do you want to become a teacher
"I want to become a teacher because I'm passionate about supporting young people to express themselves grow in confidence and find meaning through creative learning - especially in the visual arts and the area I am always keen to continue."

Comments:
"Thank you to MSC for providing me with this amazing experience to teach VCE Subjects. I had an unforgettable time here and looking toward to coming back if there is a job opprotunity available to me. Much Appreciated."

Walter Cheng
The University of Melbourne

Subjects to be teaching: Biology

MSC Mentor (s):
Lisa Crowhurst & Nicole Hynes

Hometown:
Melbourne

Schools attended:
Scorsby Secondary

Hobbies/Interests
Gaming

Thoughts on MSC and Mildura
"Great. Nice and Chill. Good Vibes. Friendly staff and the kids are cool too."

Why do you want to become a teacher
"Spread knowledge on science and maybe make a difference."

Comments:
"Offers vocational as well as VCE 'Streams'. Teachers are good VCE qualified who work together to provide high quality materials. Good interaction between staff and students."

Connor Smith
La Trobe University

Subjects to be teaching: History, Sociology and English.

MSC Mentor (s):
Belinda Pantarotto

Hometown:
Mildura

Schools attended:
Ranfurly Primary School
St Josephs Mildura
Mildura Senior College

Hobbies/Interests
Personal study, History, Gaming, Camping and Gun Club

Thoughts on MSC and Mildura
"Mildura Senior College is great and offers a good variety of subjects and freedoms to students. I'm from Mildura so its my hometown."

Why do you want to become a teacher
"My passion for all things histroy and the sense of enjoyment I get from sharing my knowledge and having deep discussions with others."

Comments:
"A great opportunity to experience VCE (Year 11 & 12) as opposed to Year 7-10 like in my previous."

If you are a student at Mildura Senior College who wants to be a teacher; Come along to our BE A TEACHER DAY!



Be a Teacher Day

Wednesday 27 August,
9am – 10.30am

Interested in a Career in Education?

Come along to Mildura Senior College's "Be A Teacher Day".

Hear about:

- University courses
- HECS
- What its like to be a teacher
- And the pathways it could take you!

More information to be posted on compass soon!



LMR SSV Netball

Our Netball team competed in the SSV LMR finals in Bendigo on Tuesday 22 July.

The weather was very unkind, very cold and wet, which for an outdoor comp, was not going to be very much fun! Thankfully at the last minute we were able to play indoors which was welcomed.

The first game we were defeated by Catherine McAuley College. This was a very strong team from Bendigo, the score being 23-7.

The second game we came away with a win, defeating Wyche 30-18.

Unfortunately, we lost our third game to St Mary of the Angels College 19-35.

All players tried their best against some very strong competition and were grateful to have the opportunity to represent MSC.



Catch A Carp Day

VCE Vocational Major Personal Development Skills classes take an active approach to engage students within the community. The students were encouraged to develop their teamwork skills and participate in an extended project relating to the environmental issue: 'Carp in the Murray Darling Basin'.

The Year 12 PDS students worked closely with Ray DeGroot from OzFish to research the carp infestation issue in The Murray River and explored how they can build awareness of the issue in the community and play their part to help eradicate the carp.

They planned a 'Catch A Carp Day' with the intention of catching as many carp as possible and removing them from the river, with an army of over 100 students and teachers from Mildura Senior College.

Thank you to the Lions Club who cooked a BBQ lunch on the day to keep the students fuelled to keep catching the carp.





Trades @ Deakin Day

What was Trades@Deakin Day about?

Trades@Deakin Day was a hands-on experience held at the Deakin Trade Training Centre (TTC), giving Year 9 and 10 students from other schools the chance to explore Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways ahead of subject selections for 2026.

Students participated in interactive workshops across a range of trades including Automotive, Engineering, Electrical, Furniture Making, Building & Construction, and Hospitality & Cookery. They engaged directly with real-world tools, technologies, and facilities—including tractors and automotive tech—while gaining an understanding of what working in a trade involves.

What did students gain from attending?

The event provided students with valuable exposure to different trades before making decisions about their senior school pathways. It helped them explore their interests, build confidence, and better understand the practical skills involved in each field.

A highlight of the day was the opportunity to speak directly with industry professionals, including former students who have since moved into apprenticeships. These conversations offered insight into real-life career pathways and opened students' eyes to a range of future possibilities.

Students responded with enthusiasm and curiosity. Many shared that the day helped ease any nerves about transitioning to a new learning environment and that the hands-on workshops were engaging and enjoyable. They particularly valued the opportunity to meet industry guests and learn from their experiences.

Some of the industry partners who attended included:

- NorthStar Automotive
- Azzco Engineering
- Garraway Developments
- Nash Lane
- Haeusler's Group
- Cam Waters Promotional Mustang
- Haeuslers John Deere 9RT 590 Tractor
- STE Racing – Callum Norton (Motorbike)
- Formula 500 Junior Sprint Car – Deklan Bolitho

A VET Coordinator's Reflections

"It was incredibly rewarding to host a day that brought together students, schools, and industry. Watching students build something with their hands, ask great questions, and connect with professionals was a real highlight. Having industry guests share their stories—including those who were once in the students' shoes—made the experience both meaningful and inspiring."



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Design our Magazine Cover 2025!

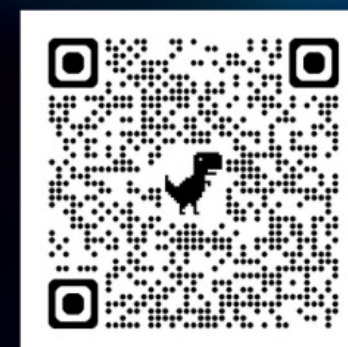
We are looking for the next student to design the cover of our Mildurian Magazine 2025.

The Brief:

We would like the colours to be Navy and Gold.
It should be in line with our school values.

Upload your design to:

<https://forms.gle/CbqooTRRdGFMc4uY9>



Enid

BORSCHMANN
\$30,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Exclusive to Mildura Senior College Year 12 Students
Applications Open Friday 1st August | Check Compass for details

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Year 12 Parent Information Night

Tuesday 5 August, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

***Come along to receive key details
about end of year events such as Graduation,
Scholarships & University Applications***



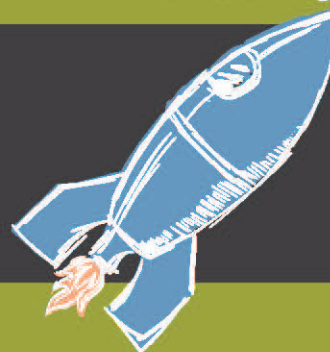
Thursday 28 August

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SuniTAFE **OPEN DAY** Launch into your future

Graduating year 12 this year and wondering what comes next?

Not yet in year 12 yet but looking to get a head start on your future?



SuniTAFE's Open Day is here to help you!

Tour our campuses and talk to our expert teachers about a wide range of courses to suit your interests.

The Skills and Jobs Centre will be on deck to answer your questions about the VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VDSS) program, empowering you to complete a SuniTAFE subject as part of your secondary schooling.

Study areas include:

NURSING AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESS
TRADES PLUMBING ACCOUNTING
BEAUTY ENGINEERING
HOSPITALITY HORTICULTURE
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

**AND
SO MUCH
MORE!**

ALLIED HEALTH HORTICULTURE
TRADES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COOKERY BEAUTY
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Mildura Campus 13 August 3PM until 7PM
Swan Hill Campus 17 September 11AM until 2PM