

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



Issue 2 - 24 February 2022

From The Principal:



Hello,

Our Principal Tim Hall has been seconded to Benalla P-12 for the next two weeks and during this time I will be Acting Principal of our school. For parents new to our school I am one of the Assistant Principals at the College and my portfolio includes: teaching and learning, daily operations of the school, and the program for students with a disability. I have been at the College for several years and have filled the Acting Principal position a number of times.

We are now in week 5 of the term and students are settled into their studies. Common Assessment Tasks (Yr 7-10) and School Assessed Coursework (SAC for Yr 11 & 12) are starting to be undertaken in all subjects. Both staff and students alike are happy to be learning onsite and appreciate the social interactions onsite learning affords.

I would like to personally thank our school community for doing 'their bit' to ensure COVID-19 spread and disruptions are minimised. On that note, it was announced last week that schools will be provided with Rapid Antigen Tests to give to families and staff for screening purposes until the end of this term. These will be distributed to students when available. It was also announced that students and staff will no longer be required to wear masks at secondary schools from Monday onwards.

School Re-Opening

On Friday this week we will have the official school re-opening which marks the completion of our major building works. There will be a number of State and Federal politicians, Mansfield Shire officials, School Council members, past and present, attending our school to celebrate the occasion. It will be an exciting and proud day for our school and I am looking forward to showcasing the great school that we have.

Swimming Sports

Last Wednesday we held the House Swimming Sports at the Mansfield Pool. It was a great day and some terrific results were achieved. I would like to especially thank Mr Chad Owens for his leadership in organising and running the day. I would also like to particularly congratulate the House Captains who showed strong leadership in co-ordinating and leading their House groups, I know the younger students appreciated their support.

Congratulations to Bader House for being the winning House! Please see further in this newsletter for a full report of results and highlights.

School Council Nomination Period Extended

School Council is the governing body of the College. We normally meet on the fourth Monday of the month, for about 2 ½ hours. School Council manages the finances of the College, sets strategy and direction, and supports the grounds maintenance and fundraising efforts. Membership provides a great opportunity to see 'inside' the College. Positions on the Council are filled by parents, teachers, students and community representatives. In the parent category we have vacancies for three positions of a two year tenure.

In the student category we have a vacancy for a single position of a two year tenure. You might like to talk to your child about being involved in this way. We have a long history of student involvement on School Council - they are full members and have a significant input into the direction of the school

Nominations close on Friday 25th February at 4pm, with elections to be held after this. Nomination forms are available from the Front Office.

Regards,

Janessa Burkhardt
Acting Principal

Calendar



Week 5

Thursday 24 Feb - OES Canoe Trip
Friday 25 Feb - School Re-Opening Ceremony
Friday 25 Feb - School Photo Back Up Day

Week 6

Tuesday 1 Mar - Southern Ranges Swimming
Wednesday 2 Mar - Uniform Shop Open 12.40pm- 1.30pm
Wednesday 2 Mar - Friday 4 Mar - AVC Mt Buffalo Trip

Week 7

Monday 7 Mar - Yr 9 Hums Delatite Valley Excursion
Tuesday 8 Mar - AVC South Blue Range Hike
Wednesday 9 Mar - Uniform Shop open 12:40pm- 1:30pm
Friday 11 Mar - Round Robin



Bader wins annual swimming carnival for second year

Given the breadth and depth of its swimming team, it was not surprising that Bader cemented its 2021 win of the annual swimming carnival by winning again in 2022. The team led by Anais Gould was well represented across each age group with senior swimmers Hunter Jackman, Hannah Allen, Prabh Sandhu and Gus Van Der Heyden well supported by junior swimmers Amy Cash, Lara Gould, Ava Mahoney, Ella McGuigan, Charlie Dobson, Matilda Thornton and Elijah McGuigan. It should be noted that Elijah scored an outstanding individual 94 points for Bader. After the hard fought freestyle relays, Bader finished the meet with 1021 points, to Hillary (992.5 points), Churchill (903.5 points) and Landy (836 points); curiously the same order as in 2021.

Hillary's race wins were dominated by Seth Dean and newcomer Zac Hotton. They were well supported by Sienna Kynnersley, Cruz Purday, Leah Storer, Marat Minikhanov, Hannah Brown, Kevin Gannon, Kara Alexander, Toby Cotterill and Alicia Rowe.

For great leadership, team support and enthusiasm, Churchill's Archie Storer was the hands down winner on the day. Archie used his big voice to encourage team members to do their best. Churchill's Amelie Walker was impressive winning every one of her seven individual events. Archie and Amelie were well supported by newcomers, Sam Kain and Olivia Riches as well as Harper Russell, Jacoba Tanner, Arthur Gerrans, Judah Kelleher, Quinn Russell and Scarlett Hanratty.

Landy was not without its heroes with senior swimmers Matisse Gardiner and Ben Les supported by River Reeve, Lacey Reeve, Gemma Revell, Amy Les, James Benton and Lillian Currie. Of note were Lacey and Gemma who swam across a range of events to help their team. Swimming across age groups in 11 events, Lacey scored an outstanding 70 points for her team.

Age championships were won by: 13 year old girls and boys – Amy Cash (Bader) and Sam Kain (Churchill); 14 year old girls and boys – Matilda Thornton (Bader) and James Benton (Landy); 15 year old girls and boys – Gemma Revell (Landy) and River Reeve (Landy); 16 year old girls and boys – Hannah Allen (Bader) and Elijah McGuigan (Bader); 17 year old girls and boys – Anais Gould (Bader) and Ben Les (Landy); 20 year old girls and boys – Amelie Walker (Churchill) and Seth Dean (Hillary).

It is important to note the excellent contributions made to their respective teams by Anais Gould and Amelie Walker since they joined the College in 2017. Anais broke a number of girls butterfly records and won her age championship in 2021 and 2022. Amelie won four age championships in consecutive years from 2019 to 2022. She finished her swimming career at MSC having broken the 20 year old girls 400m freestyle in 2018 when only in Year 8.

Thank you to the family members who came to support their children, and congratulations to Sports Coordinator Chad Owens for another fine event in the Mansfield Secondary College calendar.

Jane Herbert





Year 8 Creatives

The year has soared to a creative start with our first artworks hot off the press!

Students in Year 8 have been investigating and experimenting with ink, food dye, wax, salt, bi-carb soda, chalk pastels and oil pastels to see how these materials interact and how the differing applications of the mediums create differing affects. Sounds more like a science lab don't you think?

To gather inspiration, students researched the artistic practice of Ballarat based artist Deborah Klein and how silhouettes are a major theme in her conceptual work.

Using the art elements shape and colour combined with the art principles contrast, balance and movement, students created colourful and playful works that now adorn the class wall.

Ms Grogan and I look forward to much more colourful and creative artworks coming out of all of our classes!

Alicia Scobie
Art Teacher



Fun in science!

The students of 7C conducted the 'blowing bubble experiment' in their first science class. Why you may ask? For science of course!

The students began their secondary scientific journey by developing a curiosity for something very familiar to all. They observed the bubbles and began to think and wonder about the science behind bubbles, such as 'How can plastic touch the bubbles, but we can't without popping them?'

The students will continue to develop their curiosity and observation skills throughout the year in science class.

Tiffany Hughes
Science Teacher





Parent Payment Assistance Options

Consideration of Hardship

Mansfield Secondary College's Principal and its School Council exercise sensitivity to the differing financial circumstances of students and their families when considering parent payments. There are a range of options available to support and assist parents.

Consideration of hardship arrangements in respect to payment requests is provided to families experiencing long term hardship or short term crisis on a confidential, case by case basis.

Families having difficulties meeting their financial obligations can contact the school's Business Manager, Anna Francis, to discuss options: anna.francis@education.vic.gov.au or on 5775 2022.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend various activities: school camps, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions.

Parents/students holding a means-tested Health Care Card or Pension Card valid on the first day of Term 1 may be eligible. Foster parents and Veterans Affairs cardholders may also be eligible.

Year 7 students that are recipients of the CSEF automatically qualify for the State School Relief uniform package.

CSEF and SSR Forms are available from the Front Office. Completed forms, with a copy of your Centrelink Card, should be submitted to the Mansfield Secondary College Front Office. For further information, please visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Conveyance Allowance

If you are an eligible bus traveller and live more than 4.8kms from your closest bus stop, you may be eligible to claim Conveyance Allowance to assist with travel costs.

Application forms are available from the Front Office and need to be submitted by 16 March 2022. Eligible applicants can either be reimbursed by EFT and paid each term, or your conveyance allowance can be credited to your family account.

For more information, go to: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>
Centrepay

Centrepay is a free, voluntary service for Centrelink customers to pay expenses via regular deductions from their Centrelink payments. Deductions can be started, changed or cancelled at any time to suit the family's circumstances.

Refer to the Department of Education & Training website for more information, and to the Mansfield Secondary College website for the Mansfield Secondary College Parent Payment Guide: <https://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/mansfield-secondary-college/policies-documents-library/college-policies>

Compass Update & Tips



We would like to thank all who have downloaded the Compass App, logged in and starting utilising this important communication tool between the College and families, and appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate and set up different aspects of the software. We have had positive feedback already of its ease of use and look forward to rolling out more functions as the year goes on. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the Front Office team for assistance.

A couple of tips to note:

- Your username is your family ID code (eg. SMI0012), NOT your email address
- Contact the Front Office if you would like your password reset
- Viewing Compass on a desktop will give you more accessibility, however the App is very good for attendance and instant notifications (please turn on your notifications in your phone settings)
- We intend to send 'Push Notifications' as a priority over emails, as we understand many parents do not check their emails regularly and the notifications serve to alert you to new information that has been uploaded to Compass. We do encourage parents to log in regularly to check attendance, calendar notes and excursions details.

As always, anything with high importance will be communicated through all channels, including SMS, email, website and facebook.



MSC students excelling in sporting endeavours

At the recent Auscycling Mountain Bike National Championships held in Maydena, Tasmania, from the 14th to 20th of February, six students from Mansfield Secondary College and one past student competed against the best in the country. The Nationals consisted of downhill and cross-country events.

The students competing were Zac Empey, Elise Empey, Sam Mosley, Selina Green, Bella Green, Ruby Dobson and Matt Empey (past student). These students are regular racers and always compete at a high level. It is so special to have so many talented students in the bike racing scene at Mansfield Secondary College and we are proud of every single one of them.

Results for the week were:

Ruby Dobson – Junior Women’s National Champion in both XCO and XCC disciplines (the second year she has won both titles)

Elise Empey – Junior Women’s National Champion in downhill (the second year she has won this title)

Bella Green – 5th in Junior Women’s downhill

Selina Green – 2nd in U15 Women’s downhill

Sam Mosley – 12th U17 Men’s downhill

Zac Empey – 33rd U17 Men’s downhill

Matt Empey - 20th in Elite Men’s downhill.

These are amazing results, and all competitors are congratulated on their efforts.

The Mansfield Rotary/Courier Sportsperson awards (the 50th) were held last week and the following MSC students were nominated:

Connor Gibney-Schelfhout (Archery)

Archie Storer (Cricket)

Ruby Dobson (Mountain Biking)

Molly Lines (Horse Riding)

Connor won the Junior Sportsperson Encouragement Award and Ruby won Junior Sportsperson!

The Delatite U14 Cricket team and Mansfield Swimming Club Pennant team were both nominated for the Team Award.

Former students Lachie and Nick Scales were also both nominated for cricket.

Well done to all!





Leaving the School Grounds

The College has a Duty of Care to all students enrolled and therefore we must be aware of students whereabouts at all times during the school day.

Year 7-11 students who need to leave school grounds during the day must meet a parent/guardian at the Front Office to be signed out. Alternatively, parents must call the Front Office to discuss or email: mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au. Students are not to leave without the Front Office team being advised.

Students with study periods timetabled are expected to study at school and not leave the school during these periods.

Year 12 students are exempt from the above and sign in/out via the Senior School Office.

Students not feeling well are to go to the Sick Bay, which is located next to the library. Parents will be contacted by the staff when required.

If you require further clarification, please contact the College.

Jess Macdowell

Senior School Coordinator

Uniform Shop Update

Full uniform is expected of all students. We are still awaiting delivery of some stock to backfill orders. Our supplier has advised we should receive this by the end of the month.

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at lunchtime (12:40pm - 1:30pm) for students requiring a fitting. Orders are placed via the MSC website and families are notified by email when ready to collect.

UPDATE: Unfortunately we are still waiting on some stock to arrive. We understand this is frustrating for families who have placed orders and are waiting on some items. As soon as our delivery arrives, we will backfill orders and notify families that they are ready to collect. Thank you for your understanding. Students can obtain a 'uniform pass' from their Year Level Coordinator if they need in the meantime

Resilient Youth Survey

Resilience and wellbeing are key factors to ensure a happy and fulfilling future for our young people.

This year we have chosen to partner with The Resilience Project who have provided us with curriculum resources and student, parent and staff presentations later in March. The Project focuses on gratitude, empathy and mindfulness as key skills in improving resilience.

We have also partnered with Resilient Youth Australia who have surveyed more than 350,000 Australian school students aged 8-18 over recent years. We will administer the Resilient Youth Survey this year online in class time over the next two weeks. Students typically take 20-25 minutes to complete the survey. The data from the survey will be reported in aggregate descriptive form only, by year level and gender, and no individual student responses can be identified.

The Resilient Youth Survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. The survey collects the self-reported resilience and wellbeing of students and will provide valuable information to assist us to create and maintain the best culture of wellbeing and resilience that we can.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this survey project, please contact me at the College. We thank you for your support.

Brad Freind

Wellbeing Coordinator

Canteen Roster

February/March

Monday 28 Feb - Rachele Kinsmore

Tuesday 1 Mar - Katrina Fox

Wednesday 2 Mar - TBA

Thursday 3 Mar - Peta Martin

Monday 7 Mar - Jo Clegg

Tuesday 8 Mar - Kirstie Casey

Wednesday 9 Mar - Michelle Pigdon

Thursday 10 Mar - Sophie Yencken

Tuesday 15 Mar - Bianca Hurlle

Wednesday 16 Mar - Kate Stonnill

Thursday 17 Mar - Bianca Hurlle

Thank you to all for volunteering your time!



15 View Street, Mansfield VIC 3722

Phone: 03 5775 2022

Email: mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au



<https://schools.compass.education/>



www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au



[Mansfield Secondary College](#)

Senior secondary certificate reform

Victoria is transforming the delivery of senior secondary education with the introduction of a single senior secondary certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The senior secondary education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.

Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation or the new foundation pathways certificate which will be introduced to replace Foundation VCAL.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including providing:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighboring school or a local TAFE

The new certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

Course selection in 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements.

Students who are studying Foundation VCAL over multiple years, including in 2022, will transfer into a new foundation pathways certificate in 2023 with credit for completed subjects. These students will study the new foundation subjects and graduate with the foundation pathways certificate.

This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation certificate in 2023.

For students at Mansfield Secondary College, our current Year 12 students will continue with the Intermediate VCAL program in 2022. Our current year 11 students who chose to complete the VCAL pathway will also be enrolled in the Intermediate VCAL program. This will allow them a pathway into the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they choose to do so in 2023 and continue with their schooling.

The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.

Enrolment options



* Note: Students can also move between certificates

If you would like to talk further about these changes please contact, Jess Maccowell (Senior School Coordinator).

To learn more about Victoria's senior secondary certificate reform, you can email the [Senior Secondary Reform team](#).



EMERGING SOUNDS 2022

NEW DATES!!!

SAT/SUN 30 APRIL & 1 MAY
MANSFIELD YOUTH CENTRE

YOUTH SONG WRITING CAMP

A FREE WEEKEND PACKED FULL OF HANDS ON WORKSHOPS AND INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS FOR ASPIRING BAND MUSICIANS AND PRODUCERS.

Apply here - <https://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/forms/emerging-sounds-youth-songwriting-camp-application>

This program is for people aged 12-18 years old with an interest in songwriting and/or producing. Facilitated by certified Ableton trainers and industry professionals.



mansfield.vic.gov.au @YouthCentreMansfield

BOOK LAUNCH

RUN LIKE HELL

THE INHERITANCE
GABRIEL BERGMOSER

"Pure thrills and wallop, wilder and gamier than your average Aussie noir, this is fierce storytelling. Like Feyn, bestselling author of The Hunt." - *Jack Heath, bestselling author of Wanganui*

"Locks the reader in the book and jabs the pedal to the metal for twenty-two blistering chapters." - *Jack Heath, bestselling author of Wanganui*

MEET AUTHOR GABRIEL BERGMOSER

FEBRUARY 25TH @ 6 PM THE DELATITE HOTEL

BROUGHT TO YOU BY INK BOOKSHOP MANSFIELD

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FREE EVENT 5775 2004

A FAMILY FRIENDLY BICYCLE EVENT ALONG THE GREAT VICTORIAN RAIL TRAIL

tour de trail

STARTS AND FINISHES IN MANSFIELD

SUNDAY MARCH 13

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL ONLINE: @trypbooking Tour de Trail 2022

Find us on Facebook: Friends of the Great Victorian Rail Trail
Email: friendsofgvrrt@gmail.com

HOW MUCH?	
INDIVIDUAL (Adults over the age of 18)	\$20.00
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (Children under 5 FREE)	\$10.00
FAMILY (Two adults, two children)	\$45.00

Prices are accompanied by an adult.

A CHOICE OF TWO DESTINATIONS:

Maindample return	Start from 9.30AM	28KMS
Bonnie Doon return	Start from 9.00AM	44KMS

via across the iconic rail trail bridge

Refreshments and sausage sizzle supplied

QUESTIONS: Richard 0403 020 219
Judy 0424 609 223

A COVID safe event conducted in accordance with applicable COVID-19 guidelines

ORGANISED BY: Friends of the Great Victorian Rail Trail
SPONSORED BY: Gravity Design Pty Ltd

ENROL NOW!
Teach a skill for life

Become a Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™

Enrol in an AUSTSWIM Course today!

- ★ Benalla Aquatic Centre
- ★ Friday 22 & Saturday 23 April

AUSTSWIM WE ARE THE INDUSTRY BENCHMARK SINCE 1979

1300 885 666 austswim.com.au

© AUSTSWIM Limited 2021 RTO No 104975