

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter



The 2022 Adventure Challenge Students conquering Mt Arapiles

CALENDAR

Week 3

Fri 17 Feb - Swimming Carnival

Week 4

Mon 20 Feb - School Photo Back-Up Day

Wed 22 Feb - Uniform Shop open (lunchtime)

Thu 23 Feb - Adv. Ch. Lake Nillahcootie Canoe Trip

Week 5

Mon 27 to Tue 28 Feb - Adv. Ch. Mt Stirling Camp

Wed 1 Mar - Uniform Shop open (lunchtime)

Wed 1 to Fri 3 Mar - OES Mt Buffalo Camp

Thu 2 Mar - Yr 9/10 Food Studies P Class Farm Excursion

Week 6

Wed 8 Mar - Uniform Shop open (lunchtime)

Thu 9 Mar - Yr 7 Immunisations

From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

The school year has started well for us, with Year 12 students focused on their learning, and the new cohort of Year 7 students settling into the rhythm of school.

Academic Results:

You will have seen some of our academic results from last year in various publications. Again we out-performed our neighbourhood schools, including many of the local private schools.

Below is a selection of the results, as published in The Age in January.

	Study Scores =>40 (State average ~ 6.4%)	Median Study Score
Alexandra SC	0%	26
Benalla P-12	0%	23
Broadford SC	0.5%	23
Euroa SC	2.5%	26
FCJ Benalla		29
Galen College Wangaratta	4.4%	29
Mansfield SC	10.7%	31
Seymour College	2.6%	25
Wangaratta HS	3.2%	25
Yea HS	1.4%	25

The 'percentage of scores above 40' gives an indication of the proportion of high-performing students. The 'median study score' gives an indication of how the group has performed on average.

I acknowledge the excellent results of our students, and commend both school staff and students on their efforts throughout the educational journey. I do, however, always look for growth and pathways provision. That is, as a result of our work, are students learning and are they able to achieve their next steps?



CAN YOU HELP?????
We desperately need
volunteers for canteen duty



From The Principal (continued)

For some students, their progress leads them to Apprenticeships and Employment. For others, tertiary education is the next step. With University courses commencing shortly, and many of our alumni moving to take up this next step, we wish those heading off to Uni all the best. I am sure that we will watch our students achieve great things over the course of the next several years.

I am convinced that studying with us serves both those indicators: growth, and pathways.

School Council Elections:

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 review and monitor finances, set 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 two years tenure, and one position of one year tenure.

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

Nominations close on Monday 27th February at 4pm, with elections to be held after this. Nomination forms are available from the School Office.

Student Success:

Great to have a number of students involved in sport at both an elite and a community level. Congratulations to Ruby Dobson, declared National Champion last weekend at the Cross-Country Mountain Bike championships.

Also recognizing academic success, with two year 11 students participating in the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program this year, through the University of Melbourne. We have had individual students involved in this program in past years, but it is unusual to have two high-capability students recognized. Well done to Charlie Hall and Quinn Russell. For more information regarding this program: <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/programs-for-high-achievers/kwong-lee-dow-young-scholars-program>

In terms of excellence, we recognize Hilary Murakami's involvement in the Rural Youth Ambassador's program, as a member of the team advising, amongst others, the Minister for Education. This program provides the opportunity for public servants to directly work with and get feedback from, rural students. An example of an outcome achieved by this group is the state-wide funding to support rural students to access VCE revision lectures. Well done Hilary! Click on the following link to access more information about this program: <https://ruralinspire.org.au/rural-youth-ambassadors/>

Student Learning:

We are privileged with the opportunities available to our senior students. Over the last two weeks we have conducted focus days with the Years 10, 11 and 12s. Delivered by Elevate Education, students were mentored in time management, study skills, various pathways, amongst other skills. Thanks to Jess Macdowell and the senior school team for organizing these days. Elevate Education can be accessed with the following link: <https://au.elevateeducation.com/home>.

Also available as an option, is our partnership with the Rural Education Support Network (RESN). This program (<https://www.resn.org.au/>) offers students free access to tuition and academic supports and is available to support students in their senior years.

For Year 7 students, their current focus for pursuits (Wednesdays Period 3 & 4 class) is around learning the local history of our community. Yesterday they were exploring our town to look at the architecture and use of local buildings.

New Staff:

It has been great to watch our new staff engage with our community and take up the mantle left for them. We have had a significant turn-over in staff this year, as have many schools. Our new staff have settled in well and are making a difference for our students, which is great. I encourage you to consider coming to the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews at the end of term and/or to reach out for a conversation with the teachers if you need support earlier than that.

Also, I draw your attention to the 'new families BBQ' to be held next week, as an opportunity to meet Principals, Year Level Coordinators and your child's teachers.

Points of Contact:

I remind parents that we are keen to work in partnership with you. Some points of contact are:

- Classroom Teacher (for questions about classwork)
- Year Level Coordinator - a primary point of contact (for any concerns that you have for your child, whether it be academic or wellbeing)
- Wellbeing Team (if you are needing support for your child's health and wellbeing)
- And always the School Office - mansfield.sce@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards
Timothy Hall

School for Student Leadership

Once again, Mansfield Secondary College was fortunate to be granted places for six Year 9 students to participate in the School for Student Leadership (SSL) program in Term 1, 2023.

Our students are Ava Virtanen, Amy Les, Daniel Hall, Braydan Phillips, Ethan Visser and Andy Cotterill. They arrived to start their residential term-long program last weekend at the Snowy River Campus at Marlo in far eastern Victoria.

For those of you unfamiliar with this wonderful opportunity, the Victorian Department of Education has dedicated campuses for Year 9 students from across Victoria. Schools that are successful in applying for places are allocated to one of the four SSL campuses: Snowy River Campus at Marlo, the Alpine School Campus at Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps, the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus in Glenormiston near Camperdown and the Don Valley Campus in the Yarra Ranges. Our School has had students attend most of these campuses in recent years.

Our students this term are participating in a full program alongside Year 9 students from nine other secondary schools including some schools from Melbourne's North East as well as some schools from the Hume Region. The curriculum will focus on personal development and team learning projects in both classroom and outdoor settings. There is a strong outdoor education focus as well. Our students will collaborate together to design a Community Learning Project (CLP) which they will implement over time once they return to Mansfield for Term 2.

The program has started with lots of introductory sessions and 'getting to know you' opportunities, safety and wellbeing information and.....a bush dance!

Here is the link to our Facebook page where you can see photos of the students' journey:

<https://www.facebook.com/SchoolForStudentLeadershipSnowyRiverCampus/>

There should be some posts from our fun Teams Day today where the Mansfield students got to know their teammates from Wantirna College.

This year's Year 9 students will be able to use the CLP of our Year 9 students from 2022 who attended the Alpine School for Term 4. These students - Estelle O'Neill, Arthur Gerrans, Amanda Duhamel, Liam Walker, Connor McFadden and Astrid Singleton are back at MSC for the start of this year, eager to get started on implementing their CLP. Stay tuned for an update on that exciting project in the weeks ahead.

Year 8 students and parents will be informed around mid-year if we have once again been successful in our application to send Year 9 students in 2024.

Jen Wenlock

Year 9 Coordinator



MSC Students at SSL (photo courtesy Heidi Cotterill):

Ethan Visser, Daniel Hall, Amy Les, Ava Virtanen, Andy Cotterill, Braydan Phillips

Microscope Fun

In Year 8 science we have been using microscopes to look at the small details of things used in day-to-day life. The Year 8's were truly fascinated by the amount of detail that is seen when using a microscope. We have looked at salt and sugar and compared their differences, we definitely didn't expect salt to look the way it did. As a group Tahlia C, Hunter W, Darby W and Kiara B looked at our hairs through the microscope to see things like the difference between dyed and neutral hair strands.

Hunter Watson and Tahlia Ciszewski

Year 8 students



2022 Year 7 Howqua Camp

The 2022 Year 7 cohort finished their year with a bang with three days at Camp Howqua from December the 14th to 16th. Once the all-important cabin and activity group allocations were revealed, students jumped into the activities on offer; archery, flying fox, horse riding, a survivor course, and an awesome high ropes course. A special mention to the 'Wedginator', the famous water-slide at Camp Howqua... and to the brave souls in the groups rostered on for a morning session on the slide on Thursday and Friday! A very invigorating start to the day for these groups.

Students participated really well, and took on lots of the challenges offered through the various activities; overcoming a fear of heights, or unfamiliarity with animals, to challenge themselves by giving things a go and supporting each other along the way.

It was a fantastic way to finish off the year, and my thanks go out to all the staff who made themselves available to come along to camp, or to assist in the preparations for it.

Courtney O'Loughlan
2022 Year 7 Coordinator




Mansfield Secondary College

INVITATION

We welcome all Year 7 and new MSC families to come along to enjoy a BBQ.
Meet the Principals, Year Level Coordinators and teachers.

When: Thursday 23rd February
Time: 5.30pm-6.30pm
Where: Mansfield Secondary College

RSVP— by Tuesday 21st February on
Mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au

2022 Surf Camp

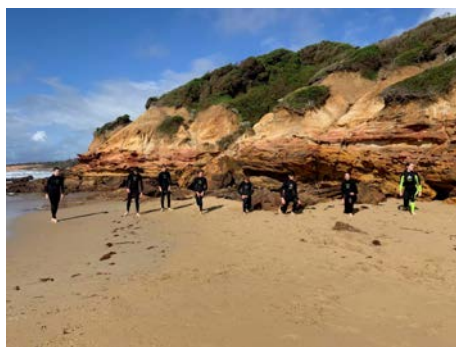
34 Year 8 students and 5 brave staff left Mansfield to journey on another annual 4-day surf camp to Anglesea staying at Eumeralla Scout camp.

Despite the wild wind and rain students braved the first day's lesson and everyone stayed in the water for the full two-hour session. The weather and surfing skills improved dramatically over the following two days.

Other activities included a bbq and games at Anglesea beach, a trip to the Airey's Inlet lighthouse, visiting the famous Bells Beach, shopping at Torquay and a coastal walk from Anglesea to Point Roadknight.

Despite a busy program students still had time to chill, chat and play games with their friends around the camp site. All students were in good spirits throughout the four days, and it was a great way to finish a busy year at MSC.

Chris Johnstone
2022 Surf Camp Coordinator



Selamat datang ke kelas bahasa Indonesia!

Welcome to Indonesian class!

We're already well in the swing of things in the Indonesian department this year, and the Ibu's (Ibu Lowing, Ibu Burton and our new Language Assistant Ibu McKenzie) are enjoying the enthusiasm of our students!

In Year 7 we've begun introducing students to one of our closest neighbouring countries, and have been exploring some of the topics our students are most interested in. Food, sport and animals were the most popular requests, along with a long list of others. This week students have been learning the names of the main islands of Indonesia (did you know that Indonesia has over 17,000 islands?).

Year 8 students are spending the whole term studying food. Some students have commented that this makes them happy, and others complained that the topic just makes them hungry every time they come to class! On Monday we tasted some tropical fruits including dragonfruit and mango. Unfortunately the food was all gone before Ibu Burton thought of taking a photo!

This term for Year 9s the topic is hobbies, sports and entertainment. The students have tried the current Indonesian craze: lato-lato (you might know these as clackers). For a few months this nostalgic game has become so popular that it's usually possible to hear the noise of them wherever you go in Indonesia! This can be verified by several teachers who visited Indonesia over the holidays, including Ibu Burton, who brought some home for students to try!

Our Year 10 students are learning about celebrations and ceremonies, and have been enjoying examples of the large and lavish wedding celebrations which are common in Indonesia.

In VCE, our Year 11 and 12 students have been studying the topic "Career" and are practising for their first assessment task: a roleplay where they pretend to be interviewed by a course counsellor.

Alice Burton

Indonesian Coordinator



Year 7 students with maps of Indonesia and surrounding countries:
Deane Sauerbeck, Zander Haslau, Molly Smyth, Zara Yencken, Ellie Marks,
Ella Mercieca, Lia Snell, Annie Armsden, Shilah Oliver, Pichpanha Sor



Year 9 students with lato-lato/clackers:
Ava Mahoney, Annie Thomson, Annie Foots

Amelie attends Parliament House

Amelie Walker, 2022 MSC Year 12 student, was invited by RESN: Regional Education Support Network to attend a Parliamentary briefing in Canberra last week, hosted by Senator David Pocock.

RESN were meeting at Parliament House to pitch for federal funding to expand their offerings and capabilities. The day included a briefing attended by a number of MPs including Helen Haines and the Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles. Then the RESN team met with a number of ministers, including Federal Education Minister Jason Clare. Amelie was part of each of these meetings she spoke passionately about how RESN's online group tutoring and rapid Q&A services gave her a helping hand when she was completing Year 12 last year. She also spoke about how regional students often face disproportionate disadvantage when it comes to study, compared to their inner-city peers, and that we need to do better to give regional students the same quality education as the rest of Australia.



Amelie Walker with Helen Haines MP

What an experience, well done Amelie! For more information on RESN, check out their website <https://www.resn.org.au/>

VM / Work Experience / School Based Apprenticeships

Information for Teachers, Students and Parents:

VCE Vocational Major (VM)

The VCE Vocational Major (VM) is a new two year non scored vocational and applied learning program that is placed directly within the VCE. It is designed to equip students with the essential skills for work, further education, and student personal pursuits as an active and engaged member of society. The VCE VM is a good option for students who like to learn in a real world, work environment and for those who do not need an ATAR for their post school pathway. Students do not gain an ATAR when completing the VCE VM, and as such, there are no external exams associated with this program, however, all students do need to undertake the GAT (General Achievement Test).

Work Experience:

Work Experience can be undertaken when a student is 15 years of age, which is generally for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Some exemptions can be organised to do Work Experience at 14 years of age, but the school discourages this because of the onerous conditions put on employers (requiring Working With Children's Cards) and monitoring for schools.

At Mansfield Secondary College Year 10 students undertake a mandatory one block of five days Work Experience usually at the end of Term 2. For other year levels, Work Experience can be organized on a case by case basis. Work Experience can be arranged depending on various elements like: availability of placements, time of the year with exams and assessments, and also student behaviour. Undertaking Work Experience is generally compulsory when seeking a School Based Apprenticeship. If a student wants to do Work Experience please see Shelly Comben.

School Based Apprenticeships:

- Being enrolled in a School Based Apprenticeship is NOT the right of every student at the school.
- There are many factors that influence this:
- Availability of placements (for example the Hospital usually has only 2 positions per year)
- Successful completion of Work Experience and a better than average evaluation from the employer is required by applicants to be considered. There must be an employer that is willing to take the placement (it is not the responsibility of the school to find employers)
- Usually, a Certificate 2 and a Certificate 3 are studied in secondary school. Certificate 4 is not available because it is deemed too hard to fully complete by the end of Year 12/some Certificate 4 placements are not available to Secondary students. At the start of every school year there is a long backlog of applications for SBAT's through our preferred Apprenticeship support network MEGT. Therefore confirmation of an SBAT takes longer
- The Victorian Qualifications and Assessment Board monitors and sets all standards for these Certificates. The School and MEGT must abide by these guidelines. We have enjoyed a very successful and fruitful relationship with MEGT who arrange the SBAT for the student, parent and employer on behalf of the school. MEGT services many areas of regional Victoria and sometimes we need to be patient. It is generally not possible to sign up a student in the year prior to commencement of a SBAT
- STUDENTS AND PARENTS must understand that there can be a significant delay for this process of signing up and a student commencing a SBAT. At the start of the year this can take 5-10 weeks depending on how busy MEGT are and the availability of all the parties involved. SBAT's ARE NOT FREE. There is a charge. Some of these fees are discounted by TAFE and the Government but this fee is still substantial. Parties including employers need to fully understand this. Because a student doesn't like a subject or a teacher, IS NOT a valid reason to apply for a SBAT. Students must earn this right by demonstrating they genuinely want to do this vocation and that they will be successful with their TAFE studies.



Careers Expo Excursion - Expressions of Interest OPEN

We will once again be attending the **Victorian Careers Show** at The Melbourne Showgrounds on Friday 19th May. Please be aware we only attend this Expo every second year, so if your Year 11 is interested, we suggest they attend this year.

We invite Year 12 and Year 11 students who are interested in attending this year's Careers Show to please see Shelly Comben in the Careers office or email Shelly (shelly.comben@education.vic.gov.au) to register your interest in attending.

Once we have a bus full we will send out excursion permission slips and cost/payment details.

Please register your interest by 3rd March to ensure you secure your place.

Introducing the Library, ICT & Sick Bay Teams

We would like to introduce our team based in the Library.

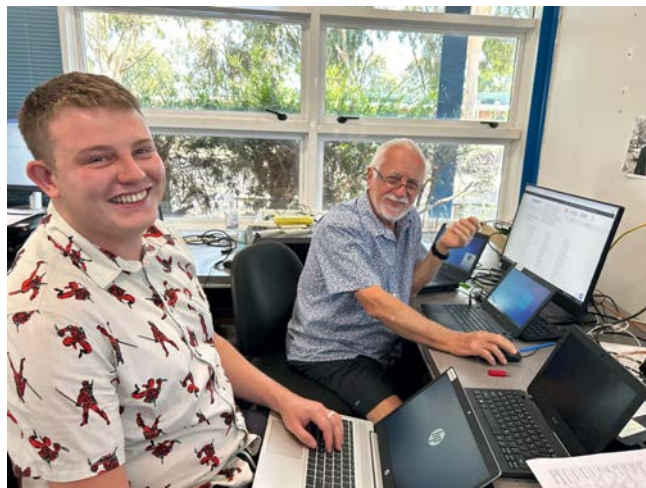
Abbey McConnell, who you may recognise from the School Office now heads the ICT Department and is supported by IT specialists Matt Jupp and Wally Czochara.

Assisting Abbey in the Library and Sick Bay are Erin Freind and Kristy Archibald.

This friendly and helpful team are available to all students whether it be for loaning resources, IT issues or if they are not feeling well - they welcome all with a smile!



Kristy Archibald, Abbey McConnell & Erin Freind



Matt Jupp & Wally Czochara

SICK BAY REMINDER

Students not feeling well are to go to the Sick Bay which is located next to the library. Parents will be contacted by the First Aid staff when required. **Students are NOT to call or SMS parents directly.**



LAPTOP REMINDER - CHARGE & LABEL!!

Students are reminded to charge their laptop each night and bring their charger each day. Please label laptops and **chargers!!!**

Swimming Carnival 17 Feb (full program on Compass)



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SWIMMING CALLUP TIMES

All swimmers to go to grass area at deep end of pool to be marshalled at following times

- 10.00 – All medley relay swimmers
- 10.30 – All 100m freestyle swimmers
- 10.50 – All 33m Butterfly swimmers
- 11.20 – All 66m Backstroke swimmers
- 11.50 – All 66m Breaststroke swimmers + (MC 33M)
- 12.20 – All novelty kickboard events swimmers
- 12.40 – All novelty dog paddle events swimmers
- 1.10 – Lunch
- 1.30 – All 66m freestyle swimmers+ (MC 33M)
- 2.00 – All freestyle relay swimmers
- 2.30 – All 200 swimmers Marshall (400m 13-20yr old direct entry to SR.)
- 3.00 – Presentations

These time are approximate and may vary due to weather, program holdups and other issues



Order School Photos

Students have been given a School Photo Order Form.

Photos can now be ordered directly through National Photography via their website. Follow the instructions on the form.

www.nationalphotography.com.au



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Important Information - Includes some new procedures

MOBILE PHONES

Students are to leave Mobile Phones in their locker throughout the ENTIRE day. Messages can be left by calling the School on 5775 2022. Phones **cannot** be used for canteen purchases, we will only accept a physical card.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS/STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY/USE OF PA

This year to reduce classroom disruptions, we will only be using the PA to call students to the Office during recess and lunchtime (or when absolutely necessary).

If your child has an appointment or you are collecting them early during a school day, please either:

- give them a note to hand to their teacher
- leave a voicemail or speak to the Office team ahead of the collection time so we have time to advise the student
- send a note through Compass ahead of time

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Year 7-11 students who need to leave school grounds during the day must meet a parent/guardian at the School Office to be signed out. Alternatively, parents must call the Office to discuss or email mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au

UNIFORM & UNIFORM SHOP

Full uniform is expected of all students. If students require a 'uniform pass', they must see their Year Level Coordinator at the beginning of the day. The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday at lunchtime (12.40pm - 1.30pm). Orders can be placed via the MSC website and families are notified by email when ready to collect.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Students are expected to be dressed in full school uniform (not PE uniform, if they have PE on Monday they will change beforehand). Students will be given a photo order form after their school photos on Monday 6 Feb, to take home. If your child does not get their form or loses it, spares are at the School Office, alternatively you can contact National Photography (03 9428 9420 or www.nationalphotography.com.au)

LOCKERS

ALL Students (Years 7 - 12) must have a lock for their locker. These can be brought from home (spare keys left at the School Office for safekeeping), or combination locks are available to buy from the School Office for \$15.

SICK BAY

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

PARENT PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONES

View Street - We encourage parents to drive along View Street from the roundabout, rather than using Reynolds and Finlason Streets - it is far easier! Equally, we respectfully discourage parents from using the staff carpark (opposite Finlason Street) for drop-off or pick-up as it is an identified risk point for pedestrian/car collisions.

PAC Carpark - The PAC carpark is also an appropriate option for parents to park and wait for students.

LOST PROPERTY

We highly recommended that all student items are labelled, including stationery, laptops (laptop chargers), bags, clothing. All lost property is handed into the Office and held for one month only.

LANTERN

We produced the Lantern (school magazine) last year for the first time in many years, any 2022 students who did not collect one and would like a copy, please see the School Office.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are excited to launch the instrumental music program again this year, please see the notice on Compass and contact Paul Riley via paul.riley@education.vic.gov.au or the School Office ASAP to register your interest.

MEDIA CONSENT

We remind families that if you do NOT wish for photos of your child to be included in newsletters, website, newspapers or social media etc, you need to advise us. If you wish to discuss, please contact the Office 5775 2022.



School Communications

Website

Our Website is the place to go for school policies, forms, important notices, and home to our online Uniform Shop.
<https://mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/>

Newsletters

Our fortnightly newsletters are a great resource and we strongly encourage both students and parents to read through these. The Newsletters are produced specifically for families and have a calendar of upcoming events, important notes plus highlights and photos of happenings around the school.

Facebook

You will find important notices and highlights of the student's year on our Facebook page. It is **not** a main communication tool.
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Mansfield-Secondary-College/100063773973865/>

Compass

Compass is the College's primary communication portal.

It is very important that parents (and students) have set up their log ins and access this tool regularly.

Accessing Compass

If you have not logged into Compass and don't know how to, please contact the School Office on 5775 2022 or by email mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au. We will send you a 'welcome email' (tip: check your junk mail folder, this initial email may be in there!) The Office team can also reset forgotten passwords and advise your family code.

Tips:

- Your username is NOT an email address, it is your family code (for a student, it is their student code) eg.ABC0012
- **Download the App on your smartphone**, it is very handy for a quick review of a timetable or making an attendance note and turning the **Notifications ON** means you will be prompted when notes are uploaded (saves you missing notes if you don't access your emails very often).
- Some aspects of Compass are only available/or easier to navigate when using a desktop/laptop, rather than a phone (eg. Progress Reports)

Attendance:

In Compass, you will be able to track your child's attendance and also notify MSC of an upcoming absence. Please ensure that all absences are reported.

Please download the Compass App

APPLE: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/compass-school-manager/id778415974>

ANDROID: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jdlf.compass&hl=en_AU

What can I do through Compass?

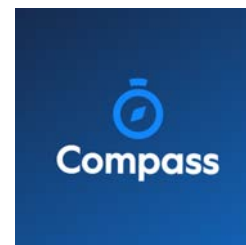
View timetables, tasks that are due, reports, events/excursions, book Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews, contact teachers directly etc. We also encourage you to view these videos, which have been created by another school, but are still a great guide to show you the features of Compass and how to navigate your way through the program (note: some features may not be utilised by MSC yet).

Click these links to view:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwZiYlqoBK0&feature=emb_imp_woyt

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4uiQxg_BOY

The Office team can answer most of your Compass queries, if not, we will find out for you!



Mansfield Readers & Writers Festival

storytelling in all its forms

Mansfield, Victoria
4&5 March 2023

Tickets on Sale Now!
mansfieldreadersandwriters.com

BONNIE DOON YOUTH GROUP

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-17

Looking for something fun to do after school? Come hang out with your mates at the Bonnie Doon Youth group!

Join in for activities such as movie nights, dance, cooking, fishing, craft and bike riding.

Youth Group is held weekly during school terms on Wednesdays at 4pm at the Community Centre

Call Rachelle for any enquiries: 0419 898 362

Community consultation open now!

Engage Mansfield

Sustainable Tourism Plan

Community consultation sessions scheduled in Mansfield, Goughs Bay, Jamieson, Merrijig and Bonnie Doon.

Get involved in helping Council identify our destination brand and a shared vision for tourism.

Come to any of the consultation sessions, visit engage.mansfield.vic.gov.au and complete a survey, or join the focus group.

Visit engage.mansfield.vic.gov.au, email council@mansfield.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5775 8555.

Mansfield Readers & Writers Festival - 4&5 March

We're very excited that our local community has created the inaugural Mansfield Readers & Writers Festival, held on 4 and 5 March.

There are events for students (and adults!) of all ages. Younger students can enjoy storytime with Andrea Lowe (Jetty-jumping), with Taungurung guests, or on-the-hour every hour at the Little Lounge.

Older students, especially aspiring authors can enjoy workshops and panels, including The Power of The Edit, Publishing Options, The Author Life, and Story Writing for Kids. They can even meet former local student-turned-best-selling author Gabriel Bergmoser.

Tickets are on sale now at mansfieldreadersandwriters.com

Friends of Venilale

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, February 18, 2023

8 AM – 4 PM

278 Dead Horse Lane, Mansfield.

Antiques, Household Goods, Furniture, Bric a brac, etc

All proceeds support Friends of Venilale education scholarships

Contact Julie: 0412 640 146

SUNDAY FEB 19TH
2PM - 6PM

MANSFIELD SWIMMING POOL POOL PARTY

BBQ Fundraiser

BUBBLE MACHINE

LIVE MUSIC

INFLATABLE BASKETBALL RING

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine information for parents/carers

From 6 February 2023, the National Immunisation Program (NIP) dosing schedule for the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine has changed from two doses to a single dose for most people.

The information below explains the change so you are aware of how it affects your child.

How has the HPV vaccine schedule changed?

From 6 February 2023, the recommended HPV vaccine schedule for most people has changed from two-doses to a single dose course using the same Gardasil[®]9 vaccine. There is no change to the amount of vaccine that is given in the single dose.

Why was this change made?

The change is based on advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), who have considered and reviewed the latest international clinical evidence. ATAGI support the large volume of clinical findings that a single dose of HPV vaccine provides about the same protection as two doses of HPV vaccine.

What about for people who are immunocompromised?

The schedule has not changed for immunocompromised people, and they should receive three doses of HPV vaccine which are all funded under the NIP. If you are not sure if your child is immunocompromised, we recommend you discuss this with your child's GP.

What is the HPV vaccine?

The Gardasil[®]9 vaccine protects against HPV infection, which is a common viral infection, usually affecting the genitals and spread through sexual contact. The vaccine is most effective when given before exposure to the virus, that is before a person becomes sexually active. More information about HPV and the HPV vaccine can be found [here](#).

What are the benefits of receiving the HPV vaccine?

The HPV vaccine Gardasil[®]9 protects against seven HPV types which cause over 90 per cent of cervical cancer in people with a cervix and over 90 per cent of HPV-related cancers in people without a cervix. It also protects against an additional two HPV types which cause 90 per cent of genital warts.

People who are vaccinated for HPV are best protected from being infected with a cancer-causing virus.

What do you need to do?

Your council immunisation service will seek your consent for vaccinations delivered at school as usual.

If you have already given consent for your child's HPV vaccination and agree to your child having a single dose of Gardasil[®]9 vaccine instead of the previous two doses, you do not need to take any further action.

If you would like to discuss the change, or clarify any information contained in this letter please contact your local council with questions or concerns before your child's vaccination session.

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