



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 9

Mon 27/11 - Fri 1/12 - Headstart Program for 2024 Year 11 & 12 students

Wed 29/11 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Wed 29/11 - Year 8 Quantum Victoria Excursion

Fri 1/12 - Year 8 & 9 Quantum Victoria Excursion

Week 10

Mon 4/12 - Fri 8/12 - Headstart Program for 2024 Year 11 & 12 students

Wed 6/12 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Fri 8/12 - Last day for 2024 Year 11 & 12 students

Week 11

Mon 11/12 - Fri 15/12 - Senior School Induction Week for 2023 Year 9 students

Mon 11/12 - Fri 15/12 - Adv. Challenge Arapiles Camp

Mon 11/12 - Thu 14/12 - Year 8 Surf Camp

Tue 12/12 - Year 6 Transition Day (**no Year 7**

students at school)

Wed 13/12 - Fri 15/12 - Year 7 Camp

Wed 13/12 - Uniform shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Fri 15/12 - Last day for Year 7, 8 & 9 students

Week 12

Mon 18/12 - Curriculum Day (Student Free day)

School Office Open 9am-3pm

Tues 19/12 - Professional Practice Day (Student Free day) - School Office closed

Wed 20/12 - Last day of term 4 - School Office closed until Thursday 25/1/2024.

2024

Thurs 25/1 - School Office Open 9am-3pm

Fri 26/1 - Australia Day Public Holiday

Mon 29/1 - School Office Open 2pm-3:30pm

Mon 29/1 - Lilydale Book Collection 1pm-3pm in the Stadium

Tues 30/1 - Year 7 first day

Tues 30/1 - Year 12 Retreat Day, Pinnacle Valley

Wed 31/1 - Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 first day

**STUDENT LOCKERS SHOULD BE
CLEARED OUT BY THE
STUDENT'S LAST DAY.
ITEMS LEFT IN LOCKERS WILL
BE COLLECTED AND DONATED
TO THE LIBRARY / UNIFORM
SHOP**

From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Celebrations:

We like celebrating the success of our young people. Last Friday MSC held the Year 12 Graduation at the Sebel Pinnacle Valley. The occasion is formal, with a sit-down dinner and the presentation of a number of awards. Local Member of Parliament Cindy McLeish attended, as well as representatives from Rotary, the Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN), and MEGT.

My reflection on the graduation is a strong sense of gratitude at being able to share a part of the lives of this group of young people. There were some outstanding stories of success during their schooling, their journey together and supporting each other, and a real sense of hope for the future. They are an aspirational group, and their work ethic will stand them in good stead for the future.

The Year 10 Celebration Assembly was held on Friday 17th November. This assembly was an opportunity for us to recognise the progress of students throughout their schooling. One of our strengths as a school is supporting all students with the next step in their educational pathway, be that academic or vocational.

Transitions:

Currently running is the Headstart program for students completing Year 11 & 12 in 2024. Headstart classes run for three weeks and is the beginning of their 2024 curriculum content.

The 2023 Year 9 cohort will complete a Senior School Induction week from 11th December-15th December. This is an important week for these students transitioning to Senior School and sets expectations and requirements to successfully complete their education.

House Round Robin:

Last week the Year 7-9 students participated in the MSC House Round Robin sports event. This is the last of the house-level sporting events for the year and is hosted on site. Students participated in a range of sporting activities including softball and dodgeball. Well done to the students who were successful at the 'best and fairest' vote count on the day. Participation and effort were the key aims.

Student-Teacher Observation Round:

As part of our partnership with 'Teach for Australia', we have eight student teachers currently with us for a period of two weeks. They will be supporting group work in Year 7 & 8 classes, learning about how to support student learning. It is exciting for us to be asked to be involved in this program, as it highlights our practice as a College. As a high performing school, we have a great opportunity to be able to provide system level support. For more information about the 'Teach for Australia' program please visit:

<https://teachforaustralia.org/>

All the best for the last few weeks of term.

Kind regards
Timothy Hall



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Year 7-9 House Round Robin

On a very balmy Wednesday at MSC last week the Sports house Year 7-9 students took each other on in the house Round Robin annual carnival.

All sides moved through three rotations of Bombardment (Brandy Game), Netball and Softball, gaining points for their house team contributing to the overall house score. Each sport also has the trained eye of staff who award votes in a 3,2,1 allocation to the students who are doing well, having a go, or showing team spirit, which is awarded at the end of the day to the winning students.

It was great to see so many attend, and disappointing for those who could not get there, as it was a terrific event with lots of school camaraderie. The teachers enjoyed seeing their subject students in a different light and performing in an area they only occasionally get to see.

After lunch the houses were put through their paces with Tunnel ball, Tug of war and running relays that brought out the best in vocal support and controlled excitement, nothing like close hand to hand competition to get the crowds involved!

It was really Biyal's to lose as these last events took place, but out of nowhere Wimba leap frogged everybody winning the Tug of War and thus earning the maximum 50 points which saw them nudge Biyal into second spot.

No doubt this result will burn deeply for the other houses as Wimba has enjoyed a successful year on the school sporting front picking up two of the 3 trophies on offer this year, and revenge will form part of the motivation for the 2024 program ahead.

Congratulations to the year level B&F winners mentioned below:

Year 7: Archie Dunn, Halli Herridge

Year 8: Andy Friday, Amy Cash

Year 9: Hayden Desmond/Noah Pigdon (tie), Marly Kelleher.

Christian Thomson
Sports Coordinator



Announcing 2024 House Captains

Congratulations to our new Sports Captains for 2024:

Wimba:

Maddie Maher, Riley Northcott (Capt)

Emily Doig, Riley Hall (V Capt)

Marrang:

Jack Marks, Hannah Allen (Capt)

Max Mahoney, Chloe Cash (V Capt)

Delatite:

Charlotte Carman, Harry Purcell (Capt)

Erin Anderson, Ashton Dean (V Capt)

Biyal:

Quinn Russell, Paddy Buchanan (Capt)

Phoebe Scott, Charlie Hall (V Capt)





2023 Year 12 Graduation



The Year 12 Graduation Dinner at The Sebel last Friday night was a heartfelt and memorable event. The evening was filled with poignant moments as students and teachers delivered heartfelt speeches, imparting words of wisdom and encouragement to the graduating class. The overarching themes were: striving to be the best version of yourself, embracing challenges and being kind.

Thank-you to: Tim Oliver from North East Local Learning and Employment Network (NE LLEN), Debbie Parish from MEGT Australia, Bob Prosser from Rotary, and MP Cindy McLeish for attending the evening and presenting students with awards and scholarships.

Ms Julie Anderson gave an opening speech, sharing her reflections of the group:

Students... It is so lovely to see you all together for one last time...Here we go .. this is it ... your night ...

You are incredibly lucky to have been given the privilege of an education and it is your responsibility to seize this opportunity and make the most of it. Do what you enjoy and pursue your passion. Creative, passionate people make the world a better place to be.

I pose a few reflective considerations to you all...

First reflection: at MSC did you join a club, a sport, SRC, a leadership role, or a music group that allowed you to develop and grow and connect with others?

Go into the world and get involved. Life has so many opportunities for you to pursue, opportunities that would only be a dream of so many people around the world, and may not present themselves to you again in your life. Push your boundaries and exit your comfort zone, and I can guarantee that it will only enhance your experience in life and make you a more rounded, better person.

Second reflection: what classes or teachers inspired you? Was it Year 7 textiles? What about the drama production in Year 8? Was it the wisdom of Howlett, Jane Herbert, Ken Cousins, Rossy, Anthea Wood, James Tagliabue, Fish, Jess? Reflect back on the classes & teachers that inspired your learning They would never want you to stop...

Which brings me to my third reflection: never stop learning. True, you are at the end of your schooling life at Mansfield Secondary College, however you are only in the midst of your learning journeys. Furthering humanity to be its best requires people to always be open to learning, to collaborate and to further themselves. You cannot be corrupted with notions of superiority or ignorance, as it will only hinder you in your lifelong pursuits. Your teachers set you up to succeed in this area and I am so proud to represent them this evening.

Last reflection: please come back....what kind of alumni will you be? How can you come back and share stories and experiences to young people just like yourselves.... How could you work shoulder to shoulder with teachers to support the Mansfield Secondary College community? You have the power to embrace this and we would welcome you with open arms... As you part ways with school mates... armed with priceless knowledge and a mindset ready to challenge ideas and push yourselves, you are sure to embark on a life filled with challenges and success.

In the words of one of my favorite athletes, Tom Brady... " we didn't come this far.... to only come this far, so we've still got further to go.... "

While the idea of material success does influence our lives heavily, I ask that you follow your dreams and do what makes you happy. Each and every one of you has the power to change the world. In your journey through life, I implore you, to please try to make this world a better one.

Congratulations to the class of 2023.

With a strong foundation, a sense of purpose, and the support of a community, the graduates are ready to take their place in the world and contribute to it. We look forward to seeing what they achieve in the future.

Congratulations to the class of 2023! May your journey be as bright and promising as the light you have brought to our school.

Janessa Burkhardt
Assistant Principal



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*Class of
2023*



Absent: Joel Goldsack, Hamish Ueno



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2023 Year 12 Graduation Award Recipients



Ben Les	Health/ PE
Freya Lee	Maths
Hamish Ueno	Maths
Scarlett Hanratty	English
Zac Appleby	Science
Brianna Anstee	Humanities
Hamish Ueno	Music
Hilary Murakami	Arts/Tech
Hilary Murakami	Languages
Freya Lee	Literature
Tara Murray	VCE VM
Patrick Kelleher	VCE VM

Deanne Dolheguy	CUC Ovens Murray (online subject) Award, sponsored by Country University Centre
Sarah Marshall	Ampol Best All Rounder, presented by Timothy Hall
James Hood	Irene Crespín Award, sponsored by Mansfield Secondary College
Grace Revell	MEGT (SBAT) Award, presented by Debbie Parish, MEGT
Tara Murray	MEGT (SBAT) Award, presented by Debbie Parish, MEGT
Parneef Sandhu	MEGT (SBAT) Award, presented by Debbie Parish, MEGT
Nathan Dabbs	NE Tracks LLEN Award, presented by Tim Oliver, NE Tracks LLEN
Amy Camilleri	ADF Leadership Award, sponsored by Australian Defence Force
Archie Storer	ADF Leadership Award, sponsored by Australian Defence Force
Sunny Xaysouvanh	ADF Future Innovators Award, sponsored by Australian Defence Force
Brianna Anstee	Marj Coombs Rotary Award, presented by Bob Prosser, President Mansfield Rotary
Chloe Judge	Eildon Electorate Award, presented by Cindy McLeish, MP
Scarlett Hanratty	Melbourne University Principal's Scholarship



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2023 Year 10 Celebration Assembly

On Friday 17th November, the 2023 Year 10 students celebrated completion of their Year 10 studies with a Celebration Assembly in the PAC, attended by staff, parents and Year 9 students. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Completion. Certificates of Achievement for demonstrating the school values - Respect, Persistence and Curiosity, were also presented. Hilary Myles, Daniel Hough, Jessica Macdowell and Courtney O'Loughlan all spoke highly of the cohort and praised their resilience and success.



Celebrating Student Success

Lachlan Francis, Year 11 student, has been awarded the 2023 Wodonga Tafe School Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year. Lachy is currently completing his Certificate 3 in Agriculture.

Wodonga TAFE's Celebration of Achievement Awards is an annual celebration of excellence in education and training. The event honours the achievements and valuable contributions of students, staff and industry partners.

Congratulations Lachy on your success!





Year 7 Pursuits Program

On Wednesday 15th November, the Year 7 students set out on their excursion to Cheviot Tunnel; the students walked part of the Rail Trail and finished at the Cheviot Tunnel, near Yea. The students learnt about the railway to Mansfield, when it started and the final run, construction of the tunnel (apparently the engineer wanted to build a tunnel, so he did!) and how many bricks are in the construction.



In Term 4, the students have, over a 4-week rotation, undertaken activities including:

- visits to the tennis club,
- clay target shooting club (thanks to the wonderful volunteers that help every week to encourage the kids to have a go),
- yoga/mindfulness sessions (thanks Mr Johnstone for running these sessions), and
- games in the stadium.

All students were encouraged to have a go and try something they may never have done before!



This week in Pursuits

Year 7's made Christmas wreaths. They were made with all native plants from around the campus. We are so lucky to have beautiful trees surrounding our classrooms.





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2024 Parent Payments

Parent payments are a valuable contribution to enhancing and enriching the educational experience for all our students. Ongoing support will make a significant difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Previous years' parent payment support has allowed us to:

- offer a wide selection of subjects and curriculum experiences
- purchase air-conditioners for the STEAM building
- purchase equipment, materials and resources for classrooms including but limited to: robotics, food technology, science pracs, wood technology, art materials, 3D printing
- purchase other equipment, materials and resources including library books, sports equipment, music instruments
- provide access to ICT resources
- maintain School buildings & grounds
- make grounds improvements

In addition to contributions, Mansfield Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the education experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum.

We encourage you to contact the school's Business Manager, Anna Francis, on 5775 2022 or via email at anna.franciseeducation.vic.gov.au, to discuss payment options or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support

2024 Uniform - Order Now!

We highly recommend ordering school uniform now if your child is outgrowing their current uniform!

Please place orders online via our website so we can try to fill the order ready to collect at the end of January 2024.

If you order the wrong size, we can exchange items as long as tags and packaging remain in tact and items haven't been washed or worn.

Order online: <https://mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/shop/>



Library News Term 4



As the school year comes to an end, come visit the library and borrow some books for the summer holidays.

Holiday reads



Blueback-Tim Winton



Abel lives with his mother Dora at Longboat Bay, an isolated stretch of coast whose waters teem with fish. It's a simple, tough and at times lonely life. But Abel has friends in the sea, in particular the magnificent old groper he becomes acquainted with. Abel learns that the sea and its treasures are precious. A beautiful eco-fable which has a beautiful and timely message.

The girl who fell from the sky - Emma Carey



When Emma was 20, she fell 14,000 feet and survived! From waking up in a hospital bed a paraplegic to learning to use her legs again, Emma teaches the importance of courage and resilience. This heartfelt book is more than a memoir, it's a call to action that reminds us not to take our lives and abilities for granted and to live every day like it's our last.

Don't forget



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7B LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

During the year 7's Civics and Citizenship unit in Humanities, they are learning that volunteering is one way to demonstrate our citizenship. We had the pleasure of having 2 groups from 7B volunteer in the library during lesson time and also during recess/lunch times for two 3 week blocks. What a great help they have been! They have been creative with our Remembrance Day and Christmas displays, sorting through our library books to make room for new ones, returning books back to the shelves and tidying our bookshelves. They are a delightful group of students and we have really enjoyed having them as part of the library team this term.



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Mansfield Shire Youth

School Holiday Program

January 2024 Summer School Holiday Calendar

- For Years 7-12 Students
- Under 18 must have consent from Parent/Guardian.
- Over 18 must have a WWCC.
- Spaces are limited for each event
- Food Provided

REGISTER HERE



www.linktr.ee/youthservicesmansfieldshire

Week One

Monday 15 Jan

Chop & Chat
10AM - 1PM
Cooking Workshop
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Week Two

Tuesday 23 Jan

Crafternoon
1PM - 3PM
Painting Session
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Tuesday 16 Jan

Al's Skate Co
10AM - 1PM
Skate & Art Grip Workshop
Mansfield Skate Park

Wednesday 24 Jan

Chop & Chat
10AM - 1PM
Cooking Workshop
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Wednesday 17 Jan

Chop & Chat
10AM - 1PM
Cooking Workshop
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Flying Fruit Fly Circus
11:30AM - 1PM
Circus Workshop
Sports Complex, Highett St

Upcoming Zine Workshops! Stay tuned for details!

