



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

From The Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

There has been a lot going on for the last two weeks;

Year 7:

The Bad Science incursion had a guest presenter talking about why science is interesting, important and relevant. The students reported that the best bit was when he put a nail up his nose, but there were great learning outcomes beyond this. Thanks to Bec Studds for organising the incursion.

Year 9 & 10:

Year 9 students are currently completing the Morrisby careers testing, looking at their academic and personality strengths. All Year 9 students do the preliminary survey, which then generates a report to give some indication of possible career pathways. Follow-up interviews with each student are conducted by experienced careers advisers from beyond the school. Thanks to Shelly for arranging this opportunity for our students. For more information, please visit: <https://www.morrisby.com/>

Adventure Challenge is currently on their Mt Howitt hike focusing on navigation and geographic fact gathering. Thanks to Sam Manson, Tom Grinter and Bella MacMunn.

Year 11:

The Year 11 Camp was held last week at Howman's Gap, near Falls Creek. A key focus of the camp was around relational values, both building leadership capacity and ensuring that the year level is a cohesive whole at this important point in their senior school journey. Students found the experience valuable and enjoyed working with teachers in a different context. Thanks to Janessa Burkhardt and Jade O'Connor for organising, plus Tiffany Zikou, Julian Perry and Brad Freind for accompanying the students.

Whole school:

The Cross Country run was held last week. I enjoyed running with the senior boys group and was pleased to beat some of them across the line. Our thanks to the Harris family for enabling access across their property. My understanding is that the College has been running the same course since the 1970's, and I think it is one of the best courses in the state. Thanks to Christian Thomson for organising, and congratulations to the age group champions.

CALENDAR

TERM 2

Week 4

Wed 8/5 - Fri 10/5 - AVC Mt Howitt Hike

Week 5

Mon 13/5 - Curriculum Day, **no students onsite**

Tue 14/5 - Round Robin

Wed 15/5 - Year 10 Immunisations

Wed 15/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 15/5 - Year 7 Bonnie Doon Walk

Week 6

Mon 20/5 - Year 9 History Tour to Melbourne

Wed 22/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 23/5 - Indonesian Big Day Out

Week 7

Wed 29/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 31/5 - Southern Ranges Cross Country

Week 8

Mon 3/6 - Fri 7/6 - Unit 1 & Year 10 Exams

Wed 5/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 9

Mon 10/6 - King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tue 11/6 - Fri 14/6 - Morrisby Interviews

Wed 12/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 10

Mon 17/6 - Fri 21/6 - Morrisby Interviews

Tue 18/6 - GAT for Unit 3&4 students

Wed 19/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 11

Mon 24/6 - Fri 28/6 - Yr 10 Work Experience Week

Wed 26/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 28/6 - Last day Term 2

2024 STUDENT FREE DAYS

No students onsite the following days:

Monday 13th May

Tuesday 13th August

Monday 4th November

From The Principal (continued)

Upcoming Events:

Coming up next week is the Bonnie Doon walk for Year 7 students along the Rail Trail. It ties in nicely with learning about local history from a range of perspectives, with educational outcomes across both social and academic indicators.

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting pro-social adolescent development, Brad Friend, our Wellbeing Coordinator, has organised for both the Man Cave and The Flourish Girl to work with our Year 9 cohort on Wednesday 22nd May. We look forward to working with them to build both social capacity and emotional intelligence with our young people. Please visit these sites to learn more about the programs: <https://www.flourishgirl.org/>, <https://themancafe.life/>

Curriculum Day Monday:

The College has a Curriculum Day on Monday 13th May, this is the third day in a whole-school professional learning activity working alongside instructors from the Berry Street Education Model. The Berry Street Education Model is built from their work around Trauma Informed Practice in classrooms. The previous learning was undertaken in 2023 about Body and Relationship. On Monday we will explore the domains of Stamina and Engagement. Our thanks to parents for their support and understanding.

Illness:

There has been a degree of unwellness amongst our community with COVID and Influenza, and this is also playing out at school. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home - thanks.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Year 10 Work Experience

This year we have 97 students required to complete a week's Work Experience in June.

If your business can accommodate a student for a week, please contact the Career's Practitioner, Shelly Comben at the College on 5775 2022.

We thank you for your consideration.



CALLING FOR LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

WE NEED YOU!

Mansfield Secondary College has 97 students to place for their required week's Work Experience this June.

If your business can assist, please contact Shelly Comben at the College on 5775 2022 or via email shelly.comben@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you!

Year 10 Work Experience Week:
24 - 28 June 2024

Year 11 Camp

I am thrilled to share with you the highlights of the recent Year 11 camp held last week at the picturesque Howmans Gap, Falls Creek. Amidst the stunning backdrop of the Alpine National Park, our students embarked on a journey of self-discovery, teamwork, and leadership.

Adventure Amidst Nature:

The camp was an exhilarating experience filled with a plethora of activities. From navigating the tranquil waters through canoeing to honing their precision with archery, our students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. Scaling the climbing wall conquering the high ropes course, and letting themselves go on the giant swing instilled a sense of accomplishment and boosted their confidence. Additionally, bushwalking provided an opportunity for students to appreciate the beauty of the natural surroundings while fostering a deeper connection with the environment.

Bonding and Leadership Development:

The essence of the camp extended beyond adventure; it was a platform for students to forge lasting bonds and cultivate leadership skills. Through engaging in various team initiatives, they learned the value of cooperation, communication, and problem-solving. These activities not only strengthened their relationships but also laid the foundation for effective teamwork—a skill vital for academic and personal growth.

Evening Reflections, Camaraderie, and FUN!:

As the sun dipped below the horizon, the camp came alive with a different kind of energy. Evening activities were designed to promote camaraderie amongst the students. The first night commenced with a thrilling trivia contest, igniting friendly competition and laughter. On the following evening, students participated in a reflection workshop, where each group produced a painting that encompassed their time at the camp. An affirmation workshop followed, where students shared positive comments with each other. We finished off the evening by having a campfire and toasting marshmallows. The crackling flames and starry night provided the perfect backdrop for heartfelt conversations and cherished memories.

A Journey Forward:

As our students return from this experience, they carry with them not only memories but also invaluable lessons. The camp fostered a sense of unity and resilience as they embark on their VCE. We are confident that the bonds forged and the skills honed during this camp will serve as guiding beacons, propelling our students towards success and personal fulfillment.

I would like to thank the staff that attended the camp: Ms Jade O'Connor, Ms Tiffany Zikou, Mr Brad Freind, Mr Julian Perry, you were an excellent group of staff to go on camp with and I know that the students appreciated your support. I would also like to thank the students, it was a privilege to be able to spend that time with you all. I look forward to seeing what you achieve in the future.

Warm regards,

Janessa Burkhardt

Assistant Principal



Cross Country

Under beautiful skies and panoramic views the MSC Cross Country event made its annual pilgrimage to the Harris property alongside Stoneleigh Rd, a tradition since the 1970's when Mary Harris was the Principal of MSC. A huge thank you to Edwin Harris who continues to allow MSC to hold the event each year. Students and staff alike relish the opportunity to run a real Cross Country course. It was also amazing to have Edwin roll up with a massive bull in the stack trailer, it certainly piqued the students interest.

Below are the age group Champions who won the day and a big congratulations to Marrang who won the shield.

House results: Marrang - 220 points, Wimba - 215 points, Delatite - 205 points, Bial - 190 points

Age Group Champions:

12/13yr: Franzi Stumpf, Banjo Russell

14yr: Ellie Marks, Lenny Gardner

15yr: Maddie Clarke, Tristan Fox

16yr: Ava Mahoney, Hayden Desmond

17yr: Estelle O'Neill, Judah Kelleher

18yr: Adele Leon, Max Mahoney



On Friday 31st May the Southern Ranges Cross Country will be held at the Yea Racetrack. Keep your eye on Compass for more information.

A great afternoon of activity and engagement by all. Well done!

Christian Thomson

Sports Coordinator



Go Girl - A tech conference for young girls

Go Girl, Go for IT is a fun, free 1-day technology conference for girls in Years 5-12 across Australia.

A common perception is that 'IT' means coding. Go Girl challenges that view by showcasing different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) careers and alternatives.

It aims to excite and engage female school students by introducing them to this world. The one-day event focuses on inspiring students with fantastic role model speakers, showcasing technology of the future and challenging any preconceptions of what a career in STEAM might look like. It opens up the possibilities of following careers in everything from user design to cybersecurity to data science (just to name a few!).

Dozens of hands-on workshops, presentations and discussions provide girls with the right kinds of information to help them discover what a career in STEAM could mean for them.

Participants will walk away understanding whether they want to pursue a career in STEAM.

Returning to in 2024, this conference will be on Thursday 15th August. Keep your eyes peeled and ears open for when registration opens.

For more information, please see Mrs Fox.



If you would like to attend the IDAHOBIT Flag raising and morning tea on Friday 17th May at the Information Centre, please see the Wellbeing team to put your name down.

Stand Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination!

IDAHOBIT



**FLAG RAISING AND
MORNING TEA
FRIDAY MAY 17th
11AM ONWARDS
MANSFIELD
INFORMATION CENTRE**

**Find out more at
IDAHOBIT.ORG.AU**

 

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY Packages

to support "Friends of Veniale"

JUNE
SATURDAY 1ST
SUNDAY 2ND

Option 1

15 minute photo session
5 fully edited images
\$60

Option 2

30 minute photo session
10 fully edited images
\$100

Digital photos delivered via password protected Online Gallery.

St John's Church Hall Highett Street, Mansfield

3722

Sessions available to book online after April 22nd 2024.

Bookings and more information via the website:

www.KirstieLeesPhotography.com

0421 355 233

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Term 2 Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60-minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

Click here to Register

In Term 2 we'll cover:

1. How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated
- 8th May @6:30
2. How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams
- 22nd May @6:30
3. How You Can Support Your Child During Exams
- 5th June @6:30
4. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)
- 19th June @6:30



MANSFIELD SHIRE YOUTH AFTERNOON PROGRAMS FOR AGES 12-25

3PM-5.30PM

Monday SOCIAL NIGHT
Pool Table, Xbox, Down Ball, Basketball

Tuesday DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Fantasy Tabletop Roll Playing Board Game

Wednesday FITNESS / MINDFULNESS
Yoga, Cardio, Hit Meditation on the big screen, Local Walks

Thursday GAMES DAY
Board Games, Cards Large Outdoor Games

Study Space Available Daily
Music Room Available Daily (Bookings Essential)



Mansfield Shire Youth

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Gateway Health Gambler's Help presents

BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Talking to young people about gambling

When: Tuesday 21 May, 6:30-7:30pm

Where: online (Zoom link supplied upon registration)

REGISTER NOW <https://events.humanity.com/talking-to-young-people-about-gambling>

Join this free information session to understand the risks of gambling among young people, and the role parents and carers can play in influencing their attitudes and access to gambling.

Delivered by Gateway Health Gambler's Help, the one-hour session will cover:

- facts, risks and issues of young people and gambling
- key influences on young people to gamble
- how to identify signs of gambling harm
- how to help young people avoid harm from gambling
- where to get professional advice and support.

The session is open to parents and carers of Secondary students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Registrations close: 14th May, 5pm.

To find out more about this information session, contact Mitra Dhamala: mitra.dhamala@gatewayhealth.org.au

WHY SHOULD PARENTS AND CARERS BE CONCERNED?

Even though gambling is only legal for people aged 18 and over, studies show that 1 in 5 boys and 1 in 8 girls aged 16-17 reported having gambled in the past year. And research shows that many adults who experience problems with gambling began gambling before they were 18. [Read more](#)

WHAT IS BE AHEAD OF THE GAME?

Be Ahead of the Game is a gambling awareness program for young people. It helps school communities understand how young people may be affected by gambling and mitigate the risks. The research-backed program is developed by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation in partnership with Gambler's Help community educators.



People living well

For more information, visit beaheadofthegame.vic.gov.au.