

The Principal's Reports

This week we held our Middle Years Campus Awards Night and Senior Campus Awards Night and Graduation Ceremony. On behalf of the College we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Award winners as well as those who excelled in their Year 12 studies. In particular, we wish Gemma van Duijneveldt an extra congratulation for achieving the highest ATAR score for our College this year and therefore, earning herself the title of Mill Park Secondary College Dux for 2013. Our Graduating Class of 2013 are an amazing group of young people and have made us very proud with their achievements. We wish them all the very best as they leave our College and head off into their bright futures. A list of all Award winners is attached to this newsletter.



MPSC DUX 2013

GEMMA VAN DUJNEVELDT

To all the staff who supported and contributed to making the Awards Ceremonies a success we say thank you.

We are thrilled with this year's VCE results. There were numerous outstanding performances and very stiff competition for the Dux.

We would also like to thank our amazingly talented, dedicated and passionate staff for their work this year. Their commitment to ensuring each of our students maximise their potential is outstanding. We congratulate the students and wish them every success in their future endeavours. We challenge the students undertaking Year 12 next year to outdo these results. The bar has been set higher!

A number of staff will sadly be leaving the College at the end of the year, either due to retirement or taking up positions at other Colleges. To the following people we say thank you for your contributions over the years and all the very best for 2014:

Ms Selen Atilla	Ms Heather Bailie	Ms Lorna Brooks	Mr James Lee
Mr Graeme Lipback	Mr Tony Massingham	Ms Vassa Nassios	Mr Alex Birnberg
Ms Reina Phung	Mr Philip Gatti	Ms Gulcan Yurtsever	Ms Luisa Castaldo
Ms Edwina Dohle	Mr Michael O'Reilly	Ms Lucy Rudakov	Ms Valerie McGowan
Ms Lucy Shiels	Ms Kerryn Sandford	Mr Richard Wilson	Ms Jacqui Magee
Mr Ken Ong	Mr Santhosh Augustine	Mr Con McGillicuddy	Mr Fabian Zito
Ms Francesca Di Regimas			

Staff taking long term leave are:

Ms Sharna Buriani-Gennai	Ms Karen Koutsodontis	Ms Jayne Mitchell	Ms Kerry Norton
Ms Louise Oteri	Ms Jan Platek	Ms Anna Ryan	Ms Dorothy Cheale
Ms Jaclyn Curnow	Ms Therese Raulin	Mr Sev Bektash	Mr John (Jack) Williams

IMPORTANT DATES

Book Collection Day will be Friday 24 January 2014

The first school day for students next year will be Wednesday 29 January 2014

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you all a wonderful festive season and a safe and restful holiday



Trish Horner
College Principal



Karen Eastlake
Senior Campus Principal



Caroline van den Heuvel
Middle Years Campus Principal



MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE
VCE GRADUATION & AWARDS EVENING 2013

AWARD RECIPIENTS

DUX OF THE COLLEGE

Gemma van Duijneveldt

TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Gemma van Duijneveldt

Dushyant Rangi

Gwenda Chan

Aydan Hussein

Priya Singh

Year 12 Brian Wooster 'Genuine Endeavour' Awards

Cam Lu

Michael Davis

Yan Yean Award

Nicole Torrington

'Art Spectrum' Visual Arts Award

Lauren Rigoni

Performing Arts Award

Adele Munoz

Sporting Achievement Awards

Maighan Corps

Jake Potter

Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Dimosthenis Micheloudakis

Long Tan Leadership Awards

Year 12 - Aydan Hussein

Year 10 - Hayley Anderson

Year 11 Adrian Bennetto 'Genuine Endeavour' Awards

Emily Stambanis

Lyndon Neville

Year 10 Jan Ross 'Genuine Endeavour' Award

Marvad Ahad

Reegan Quick

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships

Marvad Ahad

Reegan Quick

YEAR 10 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Rebecca Techer	English
Reegan Quick	Extended Investigation & Overall LOTE
Liam Gallager	Humanities
Manda Mirt	Mathematics
Maria Galea	Performing Arts
Maighan Corps	Physical Education
Zaynah Ali	Science
Shuayb Qadir	Technology
Hayley Anderson	Visual Arts

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hamshika Sumanthiran	Accounting, & La Trobe Business School Excellence Award for Accounting	Accounting Australian Politics, Geography, Health & Human Development & History: Revolutions
Natasha Vassileff	Biology	Biology & Further Mathematics
Janice Luckman	Business Management , Visual Communications & Design	Business Management Business Management
Anuska Sharma	Chemistry, English, Mathematics Methods & Physics	Chemistry & Physics Chemistry
Allecia Duncombe	Dance	Dance
Sam Pullen	Drama	English & History: Revolutions
Pegah Peyrow	English (EAL)	English
Marvad Ahad	English Language	English (EAL)
Georgia Zikos	Food Technology & VET Food Technology	English Language & Media
Danielle De Lorenzi	Health & Human Development	Food & Technology & VET: Hospitality
Daniel Kowalski	20th Century History	Food & Technology
Reegan Quick	Information Technology	Food & Technology IT Applications & IT Software Developments & VET: Interactive Digital Media
Kaitlyn Brown	General Mathematics, LOTE: German	Legal Studies & Psychology
Anthea Karantzoulis	LOTE: Italian	Literature & Philosophy
Maddison Knorr	Literature	LOTE—German
Zaynah Ali (Yr 10 student)	Legal Studies	LOTE—German
Thu Thao Nguyen	Mathematics—Advanced General	LOTE—Italian
Domenica Muleta	Media	Mathematical Methods
Simon Dass	Music Performance	Specialist Mathematics
Alexandra Deayton	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	Music Performance
Eirene Iosefa	Philosophy	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Nicole Tamburini	Physical Education	Physical Education
Annaleigh Tan	Psychology	Product Design & Technology
Margarita Papadopoulou	Studio Arts	Studio Arts
Jancko Steenkamp	Systems Engineering	Systems Engineering
Emily Stambanis	Theatre Studies	Theatre Studies
Adrian Stefanile	Work Related Skills	Visual Communication & Design
Jessica Moore	VCAL Literacy	VCAL Overall Top Achiever
Nicholas Felsenthal	VCAL Numeracy	VET: Building & Construction
Jayden Dormer	VCAL Personal Development Skills	VET: Business
Callum Stevens	VET: Building & Construction	VET: Fashion
Amani Ahmad	VET: Fashion	VET: Desktop Publishing
Jenna O'Connor	VET: Interactive Digital Media	VET: Sport & Recreation
Jordan Bisignano	VET: Music	VET Music: Technical Production
Brianna Tabone	VET: Sport & Recreation	VET Music: Technical Production

YEAR 12 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Helena Ousalkas (Yr11 Student)	Accounting	Accounting Australian Politics, Geography, Health & Human Development & History: Revolutions
Aydan Hussein	Accounting	Accounting Australian Politics, Geography, Health & Human Development & History: Revolutions
Anushka Sharma (Yr11 Student)	Biology & Further Mathematics	Biology & Further Mathematics
Nicole Torrington	Business Management	Business Management
Lauren Gallo	Business Management	Business Management
Dushyant Rangi	Chemistry & Physics	Chemistry & Physics
Priya Singh	Chemistry	Chemistry
Ruby Dadd	Dance	Dance
Joanna Anagnostou	English & History: Revolutions	English & History: Revolutions
Milena Andric	English	English
Fadi Najjar	English (EAL)	English (EAL)
Maddison Knorr	English Language & Media	English Language & Media
Fleur Andrews	Food & Technology & VET: Hospitality	Food & Technology & VET: Hospitality
Tyla Brooks	Food & Technology	Food & Technology
Angelce Todorovski	Food & Technology	Food & Technology
Joshua Musolino	IT Applications & IT Software Developments & VET: Interactive Digital Media	IT Applications & IT Software Developments & VET: Interactive Digital Media
Maree Risteski	Legal Studies & Psychology	Legal Studies & Psychology
Sara Prizmic	Literature & Philosophy	Literature & Philosophy
Karisma Takah	LOTE—German	LOTE—German
Thomas Voglis	LOTE—German	LOTE—German
Adrian Condiorio	LOTE—Italian	LOTE—Italian
Thu Thao Nguyen	Mathematical Methods	Mathematical Methods
Gwenda Chan	Specialist Mathematics	Specialist Mathematics
Adele Munoz	Music Performance	Music Performance
Elise Davis	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Matthew Belbasis	Physical Education	Physical Education
Sabrina Barakat	Product Design & Technology	Product Design & Technology
Katrina Allen	Studio Arts	Studio Arts
Paul Klimevski	Systems Engineering	Systems Engineering
Domenica Muleta	Theatre Studies	Theatre Studies
Lauren Rigoni	Visual Communication & Design	Visual Communication & Design
Nesren Said	VCAL Overall Top Achiever	VCAL Overall Top Achiever
Michael Delianov	VET: Building & Construction	VET: Building & Construction
Chloe King	VET: Business	VET: Business
Alana Caico	VET: Fashion	VET: Fashion
Zachary Bowen	VET: Desktop Publishing	VET: Desktop Publishing
Brad Riley (Yr11 Student)	VET: Sport & Recreation	VET: Sport & Recreation
Simon Dass (Yr11 Student)	VET Music: Technical Production	VET Music: Technical Production
Jarrold Mifsud	VET Music: Technical Production	VET Music: Technical Production

2013 Middle Years Campus Awards Presentation Evening

Library Reading Awards

Pravin Manivannan

Jordan Millard

Environmental Leadership Awards

Declan McBride

Leah McIntosh

Sports Awards

Marnie Jarvis

Shannon Mills

Isabella Rodrigues

Jack Rose

Larissa Cullen

Emerson Shiel

Debating and Public Speaking Awards

Natasha Bay

Sarah Bux

Iman El-Mohammad

Daniella Lozevski

Leah McIntosh

Saamanthy Sathiyamurthy

House Awards

Stephanie Ousalkas – 7 Eaglet House Award

Lily Tarquino – 7 Eaglet House Award

Tamara Geddes – 7 Redleap House Award

Marnie Jarvis – 7 Redleap House Award

Seonaid McCormack – 7 Studley House Award

Elizabeth Tognolini – 7 Studley House Award

Nesreen Bakir – 7 Whernside House Award

Despina Blias – 7 Whernside House Award

Chevonaay Manyasay – 8 Whernside House Award

Leah McIntosh – 8 Whernside House Award

Jake Barto – 8 Redleap House Award

Andrei Cruz – 8 Redleap House Award

Joshua Anderson – 8 Studley House Award

Angelika Solomon – 8 Studley House Award

James Delianov – 8 Eaglet House Award

Isabella Rodrigues – 8 Eaglet House Award

Larissa Cullen – 9 Eaglet House Award

Emerson Shiel – 9 Eaglet House Award

Katelyn Donohoe-Griffin – 9 Redleap House Award

Rachael Taylor – 9 Redleap House Award

Nicholas Bega – 9 Studley House Award

Iman El-Mohammad – 9 Studley House Award

George Drakopoulos – 9 Whernside House Award

Ebony Taylor – 9 Whernside House Award

Year 7 Pursuit of Excellence Awards

Nalani Baird – SEAL Dance/Drama medallion; SEAL PE/Health medallion

Matthew Bauce – Materials / Systems medallion

Despina Blias – EAL certificate

Bryan Cakra – EAL medallion

Chanelle Chung – Visual Arts certificate

Callum Fry – PE/Health medallion; visual art medallion

Tamara Geddes – Information Technology medallion

Eryn George – Italian certificate

Mikayla Giantsis – Humanities certificate

Dylan Haggie – Science medallion

Marnie Jarvis – Humanities medallion; Science certificate

Onn Khongnimit – English medallion

John Kim – Italian medallion

Izabel Lozevski – PE/Health certificate

Matthew Masiano – Instrumental music certificate

Adam Mastromihalis – Science certificate

Shannon Mills – PE/Health certificate

Stephanie Ousalkas – Humanities medallion; PE/Health medallion; Mathematics certificate

Francesco Quagliarella – Dance/Drama medallion; Instrumental Music medallion; Science medallion

Avishek Raj – Mathematics medallion
Chelsea Robertson – Dance/Drama medallion; Humanities certificate

Lauren Schimming – English medallion
Jessica Schulz – Mathematics certificate

Leah Scott – SEAL English medallion; SEAL Italian medallion; SEAL Materials/Systems medallion

Tiffani Stingas – Materials / Systems certificate

Ferryn Sutantio – SEAL Visual Arts medallion

Lily Tarquino – English certificate; Mathematics medallion

Katerina Terolli – English certificate
Thomas Walsh – Information Technology certificate

Bhanu Wijekoon – SEAL Humanities medallion

Kevin Yang – SEAL Information Technology medallion; SEAL Mathematics medallion; SEAL Science medallion

Year 8 Pursuit of Excellence Awards

Ayesha Ahmed – Fabrics medallion

Liana Aspros – Fabrics certificate

Jake Barto – Instrumental Music certificate

Sarah Bux – English certificate

Hristina Buzevska – Food certificate

Lynea Cabarles – EAL medallion

Jerilyn Chen – Science certificate

Daniel Cropley – Instrumental Music medallion

Andrei Cruz – SEAL Italian medallion; SEAL Mathematics medallion; SEAL Music medallion; SEAL PE/Health medallion

Brett Davidson – English certificate

James Delianov – PE/Health certificate

Imtithal Diedricks – PE/Health medallion

Valerie Dimoska – PE/Health certificate

Alicia Duong – Mathematics certificate; Humanities medallion

Thomas Howe – Humanities certificate

Bonnie Jarrett – SEAL Humanities medallion

Sangkari Jayakumaran – German medallion; Mathematics medallion; Food medallion

Kayleigh Knipe – SEAL Visual Art medallion; SEAL English medallion

Eric Kotsopoulos – PE/Health medallion

Shirmen Luong – SEAL Science medallion; SEAL Fabrics medallion

Mahni Micallef – English medallion; Mathematics medallion

Jelena Miladinovic – Music medallion

Ali Mohammad – Science certificate

Alyssa Newstead – Italian certificate

Ryan Nicholls – Visual Art certificate

Alyssa Noguera – Italian medallion

Maleeka Quick – SEAL Food medallion; SEAL Visual Arts medallion

Anis Sedghill – Humanities certificate

Rohan Singh – Science medallion

Kannaki Sujith – EAL certificate

Eva To – German certificate

Caitlyn Tonkin – Mathematics certificate; Humanities medallion

Natalie Williams – English medallion; Science medallion; Music certificate

Year 9 Pursuit of Excellence Awards

Olivia Angwin – PE/Health medallion

Natasha Bay – SEAL English medallion; SEAL Science medallion

Jacinta Beard – Science medallion; PE/Health – medallion

Rayanne Chebou – Fabrics medallion

Ryan Clark – German certificate

Larissa Cullen – SEAL PE/Health medallion; SEAL Mathematics medallion; Visual Communication medallion; Food certificate

Riley Dalton Neilson – Mathematics medallion

Batoul Dirani – SEAL Humanities medallion

Katelyn Donohoe-Griffin - English certificate; Instrumental Music medallion

Matthew Donohoe-Griffin – German medallion

Iman El-Mohammad – Visual Art certificate; Humanities medallion; Italian medallion

Stephen Freeling – Information Technology certificate; Music medallion

Austin Gatto – Information Technology Medallion

Monica Gorgievski – Humanities certificate; Science certificate

Harrison Hasouras – Visual Communication certificate; Mathematics certificate

Ali Hamoud – PE/Health certificate

Alex Hormann – Visual Art medallion

Andrejan Jankoski – Materials/Systems medallion

Emily Ketkas – Fabrics certificate

Courtney Leatham – Ceramics and Sculpture certificate

Stuart Lee – English medallion

Samantha Lucas-Gunn – Outdoor Education medallion

Micol Manzio – Ceramics and Sculpture medallion

Martin Marsic – Materials/Systems certificate; Mathematics medallion

Sukruta Matta – EAL certificate; Mathematics certificate

Madeleine Ousalkas – Food medallion

Olivia Pejосki – Performing Arts certificate

Hristijan Popovski – Science medallion

Toby Pronstroller – English medallion

Atiyeh Samandarian – EAL medallion

Stefan Trajkovski – Science certificate; Italian certificate

Michelle Trpkovska – English certificate

Celeste Tsatsalmas – Humanities certificate

Samantha Tzifos – PE/Health certificate; Humanities medallion

Alexander Urbonas – Performing Arts medallion

Talisa Valdes – Music certificate

Lachlan Wills – Instrumental Music certificate

2014/2015 Year 9 Scholarships

Isabella Rodrigues – Sport Scholarship

Sarah Bux – Student Leadership Scholarship

Daniel Cropley – Music Scholarship

Kristy Filev – Community Scholarship

Jake Barto – Academic Scholarship

Adjusting to the first weeks of school



Back-to-school can be a very emotional time for children. For first-time students, being away from parents, adjusting to a new environment with new people, and adapting to a new routine can be overwhelming. You can help by talking about the positive aspects of school. Tell stories about your happy, funny and enjoyable experiences at school. Talk to older siblings about the ways they can help so they don't tell scary stories.

- Establish regular bedtime and wake-up routines. Children, including teenagers, need plenty of sleep. They may be more tired than usual and need time to relax. You may find that rather than becoming more grown up, young children might regress or become more difficult or defiant, in response to the stress of the new routines.
- Celebrate the start of school with a special meal or outing. Make the experience as happy and positive as you can.
- Children normally shed a few tears when they part from their parents. Try not to extend your stay because it can prolong and intensify the child's reaction. This behaviour may last a few days or weeks. Teachers are prepared to handle the situation and if alerted that a child may react badly to separation, they can give the student a special job or a partner in the class to help with the adjustment period. Even if children have been to school previously, they might still find their initial weeks a period of change and stress.

Talking to your child

Your child may be anxious about what to expect at school. If so, one way of helping them is to talk through their fears:

- Explain where they'll be going, what they'll be doing, and for how long.
- Set aside time to talk about school and take an interest in what they have been doing.
- Listen carefully to any worries your child might have but build on their positive experiences.
- Find out about what happens at school during the day so you have a realistic picture.
- Keep a regular routine at home to keep stress to a minimum.
- Use school newsletters and information to make sure your child knows what is happening and is informed and prepared about any changes to their routine.
- Encourage your children to build friendships with children in their class.
- Keep positive as most problems will resolve themselves as your child adapts to a new way of life.

Helping your child

- Even little children get the blues. If your child doesn't seem happy or is acting differently, try to find out what is upsetting them. If nothing seems to work, check with the school.
- School-aged children can be demanding and irritable. Be patient and reassure them that they can make a success of the year.
- Help your children get the best out of school. If they seem low or don't want to go to school, try to find out why and, if necessary, contact the school.
- Set some ground rules with your teenagers but be prepared to give and take on what they can and can't do. Avoid excessive penalties and try to keep things in balance.
- If your family is going through change, allow yourself and others in the family to have mixed feelings. Different members of the family may feel differently about the same event. Try to let everyone express how they feel.
- Some children like to have other trusted adults they can talk to like a grandparent, aunt or uncle, a teacher, youth worker or family friend. Encourage them to reach out to someone else if you are finding it hard to get through. Often they just need a sympathetic ear as they talk out their anxieties.

Trust your own judgement. If you feel your child is in need of help talk to the teacher.

Getting organised

Busy families need organisation so parents and children can keep their lives together running smoothly and happily.

Fill in the household calendar together as a family. Write the times when family members have commitments and when after-school activities end. Write down who is responsible for picking up the children or whether they will bus or walk home on a given day. Complete as far ahead as possible and keep up with changes.

Use technology. Make sure children's phones have your numbers and emergency contacts. Update the family phones with contact information.

Plan [menus](#) for the week. Make a grocery list and shop for fresh, healthy items for children to have for quick, nutritious breakfasts, to bring to school for lunches and to eat at home for after-school snacks. Expect the family to be together for the evening meal.

Anticipate scheduling conflicts. Coordinate the times when family members use the shower, the laundry, the computer, or the TV to keep the peace during busy evening and morning hours.

Decide about the appropriate use of technology. Rather than defaulting to the 'electronic babysitter' when you are busy doing household chores or planning for the next day, decide on family rules about appropriately using media and technology.

Use your networks. Family members and friends are often willing to help by giving children a ride home or a place to study and play after school, so make use of these options. Take turns with household chores and sharing the workload.