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College Principal’s Report

Mill Park Secondary College
Student Destinations Class of 2013

Our Destinations

- 92% of graduating Mill Park Year 12 students received an offer through VTAC
- 46% University
- 33% TAFE
- 12% Employed or in Apprenticeship

University Course Areas

- Commerce / Accounting / Business
- Arts
- Education / Social Work
- Justice / Criminology
- Science / Broad Base / Biomedicine
- Health Sciences / Sport Development
- Psychology
- Engineering / Building Design
- Media
- Nursing
- Graphic Design / Visual Arts
- ...and many others

By University

- La Trobe 52
- RMIT 30
- Melbourne Uni - 11
- Vic Uni - 11
- Others, including Swinburne, Deakin & ACU - 18
- Monash - 4

2013 Study Scores

- 40+ 40
- 35-39 114
- 30-34 285

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On Thursday 3 April, Mill Park Secondary College held its annual Athletics Carnival. The students and staff turned up in large numbers, most wearing house colours to help support their house. The day was highly successful, with over 80 competitors across both campuses winning through to compete in the upcoming Division Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 7 May. Good luck to these students and well done to all who competed during the event. A special thank you to all P.E. staff for their tireless work on the day, Mat Robinson for his extensive organisation and to VET Sport and Recreation students for their assistance throughout the day.

House Results

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**ANZAC DAY AT PLENTY VALLEY VILLAGE**

On behalf of the College SRC, we, Haryharakrishna Batmesswaran and Bushra Mumin, the College Captains, attended the Plenty Valley Village ANZAC Day Service which was held in the Village community centre. We participated in the service by reciting the poem “The Fallen” in remembrance of the ANZACs who served and lost their lives in World War One.

Emotions were high, as residents of the Village in the audience listened to the poems and legends read out by the Army officers and veterans of the war. A particularly moving time in the service was when Army Officer, Jack Riley, delivered his speech. He spoke about the camaraderie and bravery of the ANZACs, and how this informed his decision to join the Army. He delivered his speech with such passion and humour that he inspired both laughter and empathy from his audience. As a sign of respect, we observed a one-minute silence at the end of the service.

We felt privileged to be part of the service, particularly as we had the chance to talk to the residents from the village, as they shared their experiences and stories with us.

**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FUNDRAISER**

On the 28 March, the Senior Campus SRC hosted a fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. It raised $851.85 - a fantastic effort! A well-planned sausage sizzle was set up to raise money, with drinks also for sale to accompany the delicious luncheon! Live performances were held by our extremely talented music students who impressed the crowds and created a sense of unity at the outstanding event. Overall, it was a successful day for our school. Thank you and well done to everyone who contributed, your efforts were appreciated and all the money was donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. We hope your generosity continues throughout the year.

*Senior Campus SRC*
A Parent's Guide to Surviving VCE

Would you like some advice on how to support your son/daughter during VCE?
Are you sick of naggng your child about homework?
Would you like to know the difference between studying and homework?

If you would like any of these (and more) questions answered and some sensible advice on how to survive VCE, come to our session for parents on **Tuesday 6 May 7pm - 8pm. See attached flyer.**

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Year 10 Road Safety Focus - Keys Please Program

Late last term, all students from the Year 10 cohort participated in the Keys Please program as part of our Pastoral curriculum’s focus on road safety. This program has been developed by VicRoads to reflect current trends and issues in the area of young driver safety and offered our students information and practical ideas on how to use the ‘learning to drive’ period, get 120 hours of practice and become safe drivers.

Research shows that the main safety issues for young drivers are:

- Inexperience
- Dealing with challenging driving conditions – late night driving and multiple passengers
- Drink driving and drug driving
- Driving while fatigued
- Mobile phone use
- Disobeying road rules, particularly speeding, tailgating and giving way

At Mill Park Secondary College, we believe it is imperative that we provide our future drivers with strategies to overcome these safety issues. In conjunction with the provision of the Keys Please program, our Year 10 students also reflected on safety issues within their Pastoral classes, using materials from the TAC as well as an assembly visit from a member of the Epping Highway Patrol.

Here is what some of our students had to say about their experiences:

“**I never knew that it was required to complete 10 hours of night driving. I found this was very important because it gives us an experience of the way you must control the car and will give us an indication of all sorts of different climate conditions.**” – Dior Gousteris 10D

“In our Pastoral classes we were able to better understand the impact of reckless driving, not on the deceased victims, but on their devastated loved ones as well.” – Teri Simaris 10L and Talisa Valdes 10B

“We got to learn about the amount of hours we needed to complete for our learner’s license (120 hours) and the amount of care needed to make every single one count. We also learned to make sure you have your L plates on and have the details of all of the people that have signed your logbook.” – Declan McBride 10A

A key element of the Keys Please program was to highlight the importance of the parent/guardian as the supervisor and model driver. Supervising drivers can access support including videos, tips and information sheets, by Googling ‘Vic Roads Lessons from the Road’ or via the link below:


Lauren Hill
Year 10 Program and Learning Outcomes Manager
Remembering the ANZACs

Squinting very closely at Channel Nine’s recent coverage of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Hellfire Pass in Thailand, one can just make out recent Mill Park Secondary College graduate, Aydan Hussein. As a recipient of the Greensborough RSL’s fourth annual Living Spirit Fellowship, last week Aydan and his mother Heike toured sites along the Thai-Burma Railway and learned of the suffering, hardship and extraordinary resilience of prisoners of war.

During World War II, in contravention of international law, Japan used prisoners of war and civilian labourers to build a railway supply route from Burma (Myanmar) through to Siam (now Thailand). Starting in October 1942 and completed just 12 months later, the railway stretched an unbelievable 415 kilometres. Because steam trains could only climb a slight incline, where the railway met unavoidable hills cuttings were dug through rock and almost 700 bridges were built over rivers and ravines, all using primitive hand tools. Over 12,000 Allied prisoners died from malnutrition, disease, overwork and abuse during the construction of the railway, including more than 2,700 Australians.

On ANZAC Day at Hellfire Pass in Thailand, all in attendance watched in silence as Australian former POWs Harold Martin and Neil MacPherson laid a wreath at the Dawn Service. Now in their 90s, both men had to be helped over the rocky ground to bend down and lay their wreath. The moment they did so, onlookers broke into spontaneous applause and tears flowed freely. To the media that surrounded him following the service, a dignified and resolute Harry Martin said he had come to Thailand to send a message to Australia’s schools.

“That is why I wanted to come here to talk to the media ... to get the message out,” he said. “I was asked to speak to a group of school children about the war the other week and they had no idea [about the war] how could they not be told...?”

The Greensborough RSL Sub-Branch established its Living Spirit Fellowship because it believes, as Harry Martin does, in the need to encourage younger generations to understand Australia’s history. At Mill Park Secondary College, we also share this belief and have a comprehensive, engaging History curriculum.

Please remember to read our next newsletter, where Aydan will reflect on his pilgrimage to the Thai-Burma Railway and what he learned. On behalf of the College, I’d like to congratulate Aydan on his achievement in receiving this fellowship. You’ve made us, as well as the Greensborough RSL, very proud.

Felicity Williams
Year 12 History teacher

(From left) Former student Aydan Hussein laying a wreath on behalf of Mill Park Secondary College and the Greensborough RSL at Kanchanaburi Cemetery on ANZAC Day, Aydan and his mother Heike on the Thai-Burma ‘Death’ Railway.
Some important reminders...

**CURRICULUM DAY—Thursday 8 May**
The Term Two Curriculum Day will actually be held on **Thursday 8 May**. There will be no classes for students on this day and parents/guardians must make alternative arrangements for their care.

*Parents/guardians please note that the Curriculum Day stated in the student diary as being Wednesday 22 May is incorrect.*

**NAPLAN**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 3, 5,7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

It is important that your child attends each day of the testing. Parents will receive their child’s results later in term 3.

**VISITORS TO SCHOOL**
A reminder to parents that while visitors are welcome to the school, we ask that all visitors report to the front office in order to ensure the safety and security of our students. Students who need to call home should do so via the front office.

**CONTACT DETAILS**
If you have moved home, changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses please contact the office on 94079700 to notify us of the change. It is important that we have up to date records in the event that we need to contact you.

**UNIFORM**
With the colder weather upon us, students have made the transition to our winter uniform. A reminder to parents that only school uniform items should be worn. Track pants are only to be worn as part of the PE uniform. They must have a MPSC logo. Non school track pants and hoodies are not part of the uniform and should be left at home. All students should by now have purchased a navy blue bag as part of their uniform.

**WORK COMPLETION**
It is important to us that all students make steady progress in their time at school. Teachers regularly send letters home to parents when a student has not completed a required piece of work. Your assistance in getting the work completed is appreciated.

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**Victorian State School Swimming Finals**

Congratulations to Katalina Siburian of 8AR! Katalina swam at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre representing Mill Park Secondary College in the State Swimming Championships. She competed in the 50m breast stroke where she was able to win a bronze medal. Another outstanding effort from one of our college sports stars. Katalina was also involved in a National swim meet in Sydney from the 14-19 April and swam very well. She is currently ranked as the 21st 13 year old 200m breaststroker and the 17th 13 year old 100m breaststroker in the nation. An outstanding effort and well done Katalina!

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**T.A.R.A.**

**TEENAGE AGGRESSION: RESPONDING ASSERTIVELY**

An 8 week group program for parents of adolescents who behave violently at home

- Understand how violence works
- Discuss ideas to reduce the violence
- Improve the relationship with your child
- Understand adolescent development
- Share with other parents
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Eaglemont Ph: 9450 4700
May 6th – June 24th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Reminders

- ‘At Monash’ seminars - Architecture 29 April; Interior Architecture 30 April; Psychology 1 May; Medicine and Biomedical Science 6 May; Law 7 May; Health Science and Social Work 13 May; Education and Nursing 20 May. More dates and bookings: www.monash.edu/seminars.
- Indigenous Student Experience Monash Day Get a taste of university life - Fri 2 May; kristel.keleher@monash.edu, Ph 9905 8699; www.monash.edu.au/study/life/indigenous
- UMAT – Registrations close: 6 June; UMAT test date: 30 July 2014.

VCE AND CAREERS EXPO - ‘The Age’ VCE and Careers Expo is Victoria’s largest education and careers fair. Universities, TAFEs, private providers, and many others will have representatives there. Get your questions answered, collect information, and be informed. When: 9am-3pm, Thurs 8 & Fri 9 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 10 & Sun 11 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: $10 (family concession), www.vceandcareers.com.au

CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – If you would like to find out more about Melbourne degrees, you may wish to attend a ‘Focus on Melbourne’ seminar. Explore your options, meet staff and students, and hear about courses and careers.
- 27 May – Focus on Commerce
- 28 May – Focus on Environments
- 3 June – Focus on Science
- 4 June – Focus on Agriculture
- 10 June – Focus on Law
- 11 June – Focus on Engineering and IT
- 18 June – Focus on the Conservatorium of Music
- 25 June – Focus on the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA)
More information and bookings: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014

PHARMACY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY
As of 2015, the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree will be re-titled to Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) and the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Scholars) will be re-titled to Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (Scholars). All students considering the Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2015 should be aware that the Supplementary Information form will no longer be required when applying for the course through VTAC. In addition, the Bachelor of Pharmacy/Commerce double degree has been discontinued.

DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE A CAREER IN MEDICINE? Deakin University is holding an Information Evening at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus (where Deakin offers their post-graduate medicine degree). Delivered by the School of Medicine, you will learn about the courses and pathways available in medicine and optometry at Deakin. When: 6-7.30pm, Tues 20 May. Details to follow. (NOTE Medicine is also offered in Victoria by Monash University (undergraduate and post-graduate degrees) and the University of Melbourne (post-graduate degree).

WHAT IS SPEECH PATHOLOGY? Speech pathologists (or therapists) diagnose and treat people with communication disorders (eg speech, voice) and people with problems swallowing or eating. They may work with people who have a cleft palate, delayed speech, stuttering or brain damage, and work with other health professionals. A number of universities in Victoria offer degrees in speech pathology. Australian Catholic Uni, La Trobe Uni and Charles Sturt Uni at Albury-Wodonga (a NSW university) all offer 4-year degrees. Speech pathology can also be studied at the University of Melbourne where students first complete a 3-year undergraduate degree followed by a 2-year Masters in Speech Pathology. The Clearly-in ATAR last year for ACU was 85.20, La Trobe (Bundoora) 90.15 (Bendigo) 83.10, and Charles Sturt 75.00. Note: last year’s ATAR is only a guide – students are sometimes offered a place with a lower ATAR because they did well in certain subjects (receiving a Subject Bonus), or because they had a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application due to some disadvantage experienced in their education. ATARs move up and down according to factors like the number of applicants for a course, the applicant’s ATARs, and the number of places available.
**INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN IT, GAMES OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS?**
Box Hill Institute has an Information Night where you can learn about courses leading to careers in IT, Games or Telecommunications. You can also meet teachers and check out facilities. **When:** 6-8pm. **Mon 2 June; Where:** Room N1, G 32/33, Nelson Campus, cnr Nelson/Whitehorse Roads; **Info/bookings:** Ph 9286 9830, ict@boxhill.edu.au.

**BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY SEMINARS**
The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University (Parkville campus) is offering support to current Unit 3 & 4 Biology and Chemistry students. Seminars are designed to reinforce key learnings, delivered by qualified VCE teachers. **Dates:** Biology - 5.30-7pm, 4 June, 27 Aug and 8 Nov (one already been held); Chemistry: 4.30-6pm, 11 June, 3 Sept and 15 Oct (one already held). **Where:** Monash University (Parkville), 381 Royal Parade, Parkville; **Cost:** Free; **Register:** www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events/vce-seminars.html; **Info:** Tom Day, phone 9903 9594, tom.day@monash.edu.

**CAREER DISCOVERY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES** – To assist you in selecting the most appropriate fashion program, RMIT Fashion and Textiles is conducting a Career Discovery in Fashion and Textiles program. It will cover trends in the industry, courses available, and practical activities. Career options in fashion and textiles are diverse and multi-faceted and RMIT’s School of Fashion is acutely aware of the skills and knowledge required by graduates to participate and positively contribute in today’s competitive marketplace. Educational programs and pathways servicing this industry and the skills and knowledge they provide are specifically varied in content and focus. **Who:** Year 11 and 12 students; **When:** 9.30am-4.30pm, 1-3 July, 2014 (three days); **Cost:** $350; **Enrol:** Contact RMIT Training on 9925 8111.

**PARENT AND STUDENT TERTIARY INFORMATION NIGHT** – Deakin University is offering an evening where you can start to plan your VCE, university and career. Find out about courses, VTAC applications, prerequisites, costs, scholarships and pathways to university. **When:** Burwood campus – 6-8pm, Wed 21 May; Geelong Waterfront campus – 6-8pm, Wed 28 May.

**A YEAR WITH THE DEFENCE FORCES** – If you would like to earn good money, make new friends, and get great training, the Army is currently recruiting for roles with only a 12-months commitment. After a year you can chose to stay in the Army or use your training elsewhere. To find out more go to a One Year Roles Information Session. **When:** 5.30 (arrival time) for 6pm start (7pm finish), Wed 7 May; **Where:** Level 14, Reception area, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; **RSVP (essential)** to: CPTVIC@dfr.com.au.

**BACHELOR OF LAWS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** – Taught in the former Births, Deaths and Marriages building, a small campus in Queens Street, Melbourne, VU’s approach to learning combines theory with practice. VU’s partnerships with the courts and community legal services give students a unique exposure to the real experiences of the justice system. These opportunities challenge students through practical experiences for a rewarding career in law that could range from working for government, the community or in private enterprise. **Information:** www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-laws-blaw.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS TEST (ISAT)** – ISAT is a three-hour test comprised of multiple-choice questions and used by Australian universities to assist their selection of international students for some undergraduate and postgraduate courses. The ISAT measures general academic abilities considered important for coping with the intellectual demands of most tertiary courses; it also assesses critical reasoning and quantitative reasoning. ISAT is required for a number of Australian degrees such as Medicine at Monash University, and for the Universities of Tasmania, Western Sydney, Western Australia, Queensland and of NSW, for Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney, and for Dentistry at the Universities of Queensland and Western Australia. ISAT is delivered by Prometric, and there are over 5000 Authorised Prometric Testing Centres around the world, with tests available between April and February. You can select a test date at one of these centres convenient to your location. **Info:** http://isat.acer.edu.au, email isat@acer.edu.au.

Compiled by: M. Walker
A PARENT’S GUIDE TO SURVIVING VCE

This workshop will include:

■ Tips on how to be supportive/encouraging
■ What do I say when...
■ How much time should my son/daughter spend studying?
■ What’s the difference between homework and study?
■ How the school can help?

DATE: Tue 6th May Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm
WHERE: Mill Park Secondary College, Senior Campus Library
Refreshments available
RSVP: Limited places available so book your place by calling the school office on 94098222
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