Term 3 is possibly the busiest of the year in some respects as the students prepare for the final exams and make choices about their future pathways. Interim reports are currently being prepared. The reports will assist students supported by their parents to set their term 4 goals. As the term ends our senior students are preparing for their final exams. It is very important that they use their time well during the holidays. I know some of our staff are running some extra sessions in the holidays and there are also study lectures provided externally that students can attend.

Planning is well underway for the 2020 school year. All students should have submitted their subject selections for next year. I would like to congratulate the Pathways team for all of their hard work and guidance in supporting the students in making very important decisions about their 2020 course.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUNDING

I had the pleasure of welcoming the honourable Lily D’Ambrosio, State Member for Mill Park, to our school on Thursday 5 September. The purpose of Lily’s visit was to announce Victorian School Building Authority funding we have received as part of the government’s investment in maintaining existing school infrastructure.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to Elizabeth P who is one of the featured performers - principal vocalist in this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Elizabeth is in Year 10 and earlier this term she performed in our College Musical Production “We Will Rock You” She played the role of Oz and her performance was outstanding. She has previously performed in productions of ‘High School Musical’ and a lead role in ‘Annie’.

The State Schools Spectacular is currently rehearsing for two performances at Melbourne Arena on Saturday 14 September followed by a highlight broadcast of the show on Channel 7. This year’s production will showcase over 3000 Victorian government school students in a performance of music, song, dance and circus arts. She is excited about performing in this event and she can’t wait to continue performing in her VCE Years.

Elizabeth is a commendable ambassador for Mill Park Secondary College and we look forward to another outstanding performance in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

You can support her involvement by attending the Victorian State Schools Spectacular performance on Saturday 14 September – Matinee Performance: 1:00pm and Evening Performance: 6:30pm
SECOND-HAND UNIFORM AND TEXTBOOK TRADING

Mill Park Secondary College is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to buy and sell their second-hand textbooks, uniforms and other student resources.

For some time, the college has been using the Sustainable School Shop for the buying and selling of second-hand items, I am delighted to inform you we have decided to provide this service so it’s free for families to use. Families will not be required to pay any listing fees.

The Sustainable School Shop website, www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

The service is very accessible, it preferences our school first and then provides access to buy and sell items with families attending other schools. Many schools use this service. Access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc is available all year.

For the best results:
- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website and nominate the school
- A subscription to the service will be provided to you
- List your items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The school’s uniform and book lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from our school
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop’s telephone (0438 743 444) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance
- You can pre-arrange the transaction and then trade after the texts are not required.

Mill Park Secondary College is providing this service so there is no cost for families. Each family that registers on the Sustainable School Shop will be given a subscription.
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge with an outstanding total of 701 books that were read. 31 students participated across different year levels including 10 students from Year 7, 15 students from Year 8, 5 students from Year 9 and 1 student from Year 10.

A big congratulations to Ms Asquino’s home group (8F) with the most students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge with a total of 10 students. All certificates will be distributed in November.

The Middle Years Campus library would also like to thank everyone who was involved in Book Week including students and staff that made it so enjoyable. We had many highlights throughout the week including activities such as Bingo, competitions and quizzes, as well as a visit from the author Arthur Gwynne.

Congratulations once again to all the winners of the Book Week competitions!

Stella Lambrou
MYC Library Coordinator

YEAR 8 STEM EXCURSION

Our Year 8 STEM students travelled to the CBD to participate in their first Innovate Workshop. The students worked with mentors to use the scientific method to design and test parachutes. Here are some snaps from the excursion of the students working on their experiments,

Ms Parry

Due to supplier price increases of ice-creams and icy-poles, the cost of following items has changed from the canteen:

- Cyclones - $2.30
- Icy Twist - $1.30
- Calipo's - $1.30
- Shakey Shakes - $2.20
- Zooper Dooper - $0.70c
- Zings - $1.00
- Dixie Cups - $1.00
- Golden Gaytimes - $3.30
This year the Senior Campus celebrated Book Week with the theme ‘Reading is my secret power’.

Students had the opportunity to participate in many different competitions and activities including Author or Serial Killer, Superhero Catch Phrases, a Creative Writing task (list your five most desired superpowers) and Superheroes Secret Message.

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes this week: Timothy Caldecoat, Beau Viney, Jordan Hill, Kassia Curini, Veda Mileva, Ngoc Vy Pham and Tien Nguyen. A big congratulations goes to Ahmed Abdullah (Year 12) who won the annual Lolly Jar competition with his guess of 436, the closest guess to the actual figure of 435.

Thank you to all students who participated so enthusiastically in the week and displayed the College value of ‘Enjoyment’.

Ms Quayle
Senior Campus Librarian

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Mill Park Secondary College has a very successful International Student Program, with 50 international students currently studying in years 7 to 12 across both Campuses. Students are from Vietnam, China, Albania, India, Malaysia, South Korea, UAE, and Thailand.

When students are coming to study in Australia they have the option to live with a parent, a relative, family friend or a homestay, which is sourced and approved by the school. Host families are a very important factor in the success of our International Student Program and are greatly valued and supported by the College. It can be extremely rewarding with life-long friendships often formed.

Homestay is: A family, couple or a single person who would like to provide a safe, warm and supportive environment for a student who is living away from home for the purpose of study. Full board and accommodation, for which the student pays a set weekly fee to cover expenses. It is a requirement that students have their own room.

For further information please contact our International Student Coordinator Marilyn Pridmore on 9409 8222 or Email: pridmore.marilyn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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One of our current homestay families whose student is involved in their many family activities.
Congratulations to George V for securing his Head Start Apprenticeship. This means that George will be completing his VCAL certificate with MPSC at the same time as completing his apprenticeship. What an awesome opportunity.

ABCN Focus Program

Fifteen students from Year 10, 11 and 12 attended the ABCN’s Focus Program. The program gives female, student leaders the opportunity to be mentored by senior women in business, and has been an outstanding success. Piloted by Minter Ellison Lawyers and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia late last year, the program has had significant take up from member companies and schools, and subsequently provided over 180 young women with the opportunity to gain insight to the skills needed to be successful leaders. The students partook in a number of leadership conversations over lunch and built on their strengths as female leaders. The students will return in a few weeks to continue their leadership journey.

LOST PROPERTY

Have you lost your glasses? If so, please come up to the Senior Campus General Office to have a look through the multiple pairs of lost glasses that have been handed in throughout Term 3.
Year 12 VTAC timely applications – throughout August and September

VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications open August and September

The term ‘Australian Apprenticeships’ covers both apprenticeships and traineeships, which start when an employer creates a job and decides to use this way of employing and training staff.

Australian Apprenticeships are available to anyone of working age with eligibility to work in Australia. There aren't specific school levels, certificates or other qualifications needed to start one.

Australian Apprenticeships offer opportunities for you to train, study and earn an income at a variety of Vocational Education and Training qualification levels in many occupations including traditional trades.

Find out more at [Australian Apprenticeships](#)

The Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation may be the right study choice for students with the motivation, capability and personal attributes to be a great teacher.

The Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation (Dip TEP) is an accredited AQF5 level qualification aimed at students who do not initially meet the minimum ATAR for teaching. The course has been developed as part of the Victorian Government’s Excellence in Teacher Education Reforms to ensure that disadvantage and diverse educational experiences are not a barrier to capable and committed people who want to pursue a career in teaching.

Successful completion of the Dip TEP will ensure that students graduate with the prerequisite knowledge and skills to undertake a rigorous undergraduate teacher education course. The Dip TEP supports students to meet the literacy and numeracy standards they will need in order to graduate with a teaching qualification and supports them to meet the demands of study at a higher education level. The course introduces them to contemporary issues in education and to teaching as a profession, including practical school-based placement.

The course is offered by [RMIT](#), [VU Polytechnic](#), and [Swinburne](#).
Students who choose to take up an opportunity to do some of their university study overseas get the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture, study at an overseas university, and really get to engage with students and lecturers at those institutions. An added bonus of many study abroad programs is that students get to study for one or two semesters at these overseas partner institutions and earn credit towards their degrees.

- Find out more about the Study Abroad programs offered by browsing the following links!

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Looking to study abroad but worried about the costs? Good news! There are hundreds of scholarships to study abroad, including general scholarships and more specialized funding schemes. Some are offered by government agencies, some by individual universities, and others by external funding organizations and charitable enterprises.

The Top Universities website is an excellent resource to learn more about what scholarships are on offer. Students can search for region-specific scholarships or country-specific scholarships. Students can even search for subject-specific scholarships.

Students are encouraged to browse Top Universities - Study Abroad Scholarships
Bachelor of Information Technology
FedUni’s Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) specialised streams have been developed in accordance with the Australian Computer Society’s accreditation requirements and in consultation with IT staff and the industry advisory group. The degree is designed to appeal directly to particular market needs and student interests.

Links to specialised streams of the Bachelor of Information Technology are listed below, and students are encouraged to note the VCE prerequisites each specialisation requires.

- **Big Data and Analytics** - analysis of large, complex data sets
- **Business Information Systems** - analysis and design of business information systems
- **Cloud and Enterprise Computing** - mainframe and cloud computing
- **Games Development** - design, creation and production of computer and video games
- **Mobile App Development** - with a particular focus on developing apps for mobile platforms
- **Networking and Security** - join the war in cyberspace through ethical hacking and data security
- **Software Development** - testing, refinement and maintenance of tools and techniques, evaluation of existing products.

Arts Academy Degrees
Three new degrees were introduced this year allowing for students to develop key skills in their chosen discipline to maximise their ability to thrive in today’s diverse creative industries. There are three areas of focus – studio, forum, and collaborative workshops. Students learn how to manage and promote their work, and link to community events and programs. They will study project based units and learn how to manage and promote their own work.

- **Bachelor of Contemporary Performance Practice**
- **Bachelor of Contemporary Visual Arts**
- **Bachelor of Contemporary Communication Design**
Wikipedia defines cybersecurity or computer security as the protection of computer systems from theft or damage to their hardware, software or electronic data, as well as from disruption or misdirection of the services they provide.

Another explanation is that cybersecurity is the protection of internet-connected systems, including hardware, software and data, from cyberattacks. In a computing context, security comprises cybersecurity and physical security -- both are used by enterprises to protect against unauthorized access to data centers and other computerized systems.

Cybersecurity professionals are employed in all industries, and they work hard at ensuring computer data stays out of the wrong hands.

Although Cybersecurity Education is an American organisation, its website is well-worth a visit just to begin to grasp the broad range of careers in this field.

Cybersecurity is taught at a number of Victorian institutions – either as a course in its own right, or as a major in another courses.

Below is a list of some of these, and students are encouraged to browse VTAC for a comprehensive list of all courses available.

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<td>Computer science, Cybersecurity Management, Information technology.</td>
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<td>Swinburne University</td>
<td>Cert IV in Cyber Security</td>
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<td>Implement network security infrastructure, Test concepts and procedures, Utilise basic network concepts and protocols, Write script for software applications, Information session.</td>
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Photography courses are offered at a number of institutions in Victoria. Many of these courses are listed below.

Log onto [VTAC](http://www.vtac.edu.au) to find out more about these courses and many others.

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<td>Bachelor of Photography (Year 12 pass)</td>
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Raising Resilient Teens

Presented by Parentzone

This is a free workshop for parents and carers of teenagers. The topics will include:

- What is resilience?
- How can we build the resilience of our teens and how to connect with and understand your teenager?
- Parents will also be introduced to an evidence based strategy to help build resilience.

Recommended for: Parents/carers of young people

Date: Tuesday 10 September 2019
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Location: Community Room
Westfield Edge Community Space
Shop MM1, Westfield Plenty Valley
415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCEGY
Contact: familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Ph: 9404 8865
Cost: Free
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  - The cheapest items

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• Stationery
• And lots more

Pricing Guide
• Like New 70%
• Excellent 60%
• Very Good 50%
• Good 40%

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Helpful tips
• Be patient – items transact all year round
• Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar  Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
• Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
• Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
• Be realistic when pricing items
• Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
• Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
• Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
• Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don’t make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities