



College Principal's Report

STEP UP PROGRAM

With a taste of summer in the air and Christmas decorations appearing it would be tempting to slip into holiday mode however there is much to be done! After each year level completes their exam there will be a compulsory 'Step Up' program at the Senior Campus, for current Year 9's, 10's and 11's. 'Step Up' is vitally important to success in 2020. Students will attend lectures and classes that will provide the expectations and an outline of courses for next year as well as homework to be completed over the summer holidays. Attendance is essential and as we have extreme pressure from students wishing to enrol, the early commencement program is a confirmation of intention to attend in 2020.

- Year 11 students 'Step Up' Program – Thursday 21 – Thursday 28 November.
- Year 10 students 'Step Up' Program - Monday 2 – Thursday 5 December.
- Year 9 students 'Step Up' Program - Monday 9 – Thursday 12 December.

Parents with any questions about this very important program should ring the relevant Year Level Coordinator.

As the year draws to a close, I remind all that *"It is not OK to be away"*.

BACK FROM CHINA

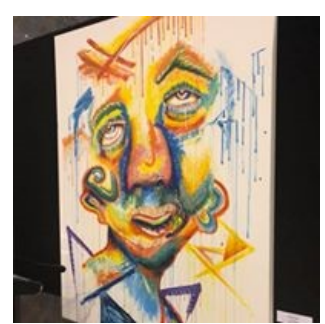
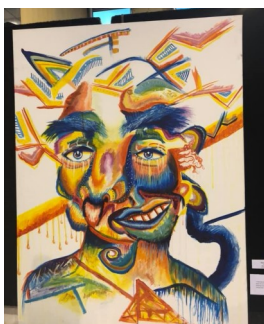
After visiting seven cities in 15 days, I have come home to rest. I met many parents who have a very positive view about Australia and our education system. The International Education Division sent photos of each school promoting our visit prior to our arrival. I received many compliments of how wonderful our school was presented. It was also a wonderful opportunity to network with 10 other government schools and Department representatives. I proudly presented our school to many agents across China and they were most impressed.

I would like to thank Karen Eastlake and the Principal and Leadership teams for holding the fort in my absence.

ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

I had the pleasure of opening our Art show on Wednesday 13 November at the Council Offices. As usual the quality of the work was up to 'Art Gallery' standard. An amazing variety of art is also displayed at the Middle Years Campus library.

I would like to congratulate our students and thank all staff involved under the leadership of Gina Palamara.



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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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • Friday 22 November | Year 12 Formal |
| • Monday 9 December | Year 7 Awards – sessions 5 & 6 |
| • Friday 6 December | Year 8 Awards – sessions 5 & 6 |
| • Friday 6 December | Year 9 Awards – sessions 3 & 4 |
| • Tuesday 17 December | Year 12 Graduation and Awards Night |
| • Friday 20 December | Last Day of Term 4 |



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Middle Years Campus Report

Year 9 Careers Testing

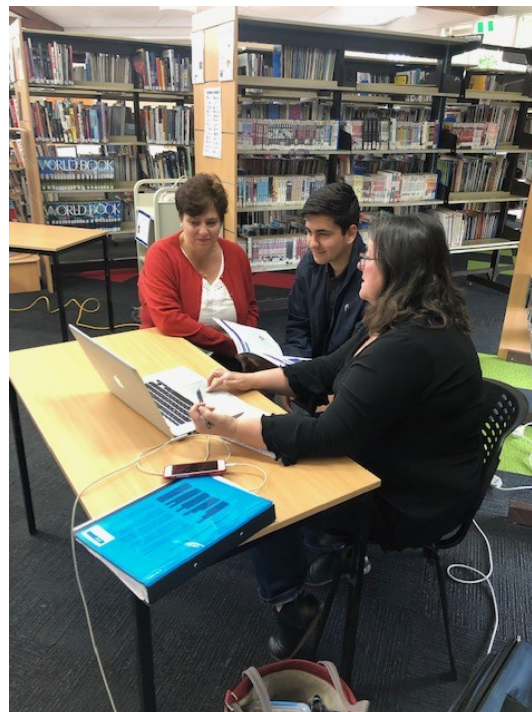


This year all the Year 9 students had the opportunity to complete a Careers test known as the Morrisby Test. This test helps students to work out their strengths and areas for improvement, around skill sets that are useful for various jobs.

The students then had a 30 minute interview with a qualified Careers counsellor to talk about the results and what areas this might lead students to in the future. All students and parents reported that they really found the information useful and it was well worth the time to do the testing.

In 2020 our Year 9 students will once again have this opportunity, which is wonderful as it is a very expensive test to do privately.

Kate Clinton
College Pathways and Transitions Leader



Year 9 Exams

Just a reminder the Year 9 Exams are on from Friday 22 November – Tuesday 26 November. Please find below the exam timetable for students.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Friday 22 November</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physical EducationEnglish	Sessions 1 & 2 Sessions 3 & 4 Year 9 students are dismissed at the conclusion of the exams. They may undertake study for the next exams in the campus library or at home.
<u>Monday 25 November</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HumanitiesScience	Sessions 1 & 2 Sessions 3 & 4 Year 9 students are dismissed at the conclusion of the exams. They may undertake study for the next exams in the campus library or at home.
<u>Tuesday 26 November</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maths	Sessions 1 & 2 Year 9 students are dismissed at the conclusion of this exam for the remainder of this day.

Senior Campus Report

Esperienza In Cucina!



On Friday 1 November the Year 11 Italian class enjoyed an Italian cooking experience!

They translated and followed an Italian *ricetta* (recipe) in order to create their own pizza margherita. The students had a fantastic afternoon creating some delicious pizza and Fulvio the Italian language assistant was a great help to all of the students!



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Senior Campus Report

VCAL Integrated Project

During Term 4 one of the integrated projects our Year 11 VCAL students participated in was purchasing a wood fire pizza oven where they created delicious home-made wood fire pizzas for staff and other VCAL students.

Throughout the project they have learnt some great new skills and experienced real world learning through running a 'small business' for staff and other VCAL students. Have a look at some of these snaps from Mr Henderson and Ms Ouslinis!

We are so excited for our upcoming 2020 VCAL projects! Stay tuned for some more amazing work to come from our students!



A MESSAGE FROM THE CAREERS TEAM:

Just a reminder to all Year 12 students that ATAR's are released on Thursday 12 December. The Careers Office will be open on the Thursday 12 - Friday 13 December to assist students with any questions they may have about their courses and pathway options.



Monthly construction update

Mernda Line

November 2019

Installation of trackside equipment for the Metro Tunnel's High Capacity Signalling test site, along the Mernda Line between Epping and South Morang stations, will begin in November.

Please read the information in this update to familiarise yourself with the impacts of the works, including planned closures of the Mernda Line.

Construction snapshot

To enable these works to happen with minimal disruption to regular train services, we will need to work out of hours throughout November.

For safety reasons, these works will require closures of the Mernda Line and shared user path that runs alongside it.

In November, works along the Mernda Line will include installing:

- Cables, cable trays and trackside equipment
- Two Relocatable Equipment Buildings at the Epping Train Depot and at 323 McDonalds Road, Epping, and
- Installation of location cases on the north side of Hendersons Creek (off the shared user path). These specialised cabinets house signalling and cabling equipment and connection points.

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au

When are we working?



Normal construction hours

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
7am to 1pm, Saturdays



Out of hours

Some works are required to take place out of normal construction hours. The timing of these works is outlined in the construction information overleaf.



24 hours

24-hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities and during rail occupations. The timing of these works is outlined in the construction information overleaf.

Works in your area

Cable pulling

Between Epping and South Morang stations

7am to 6pm Monday to Friday,
10pm to 6am, Sunday 3 November to
Wednesday 13 November



- New signalling cables, required to run High Capacity Signalling, will be installed and pulled from Epping to South Morang stations
- These are low noise level works which require the use of a cable winch.

Foundation Installations

Epping Depot, 323 McDonalds Road and shared user path near Hendersons Creek

7am to 6pm Monday to Friday,
Sunday 3 November to Friday 8 November



- Installing the foundations to enable the Relocatable Equipment Buildings and location cases to be installed.

Rail corridor works

Epping to South Morang stations

Friday 8 November to Monday 11 November



- Excavation, drilling and rock breaking to install trackside equipment in the rail corridor
- All rock breaking will stop by no later than 10pm
- Cable pulling will continue through the night
- During these works the entire length of the shared user path from Epping to South Morang stations will be closed to the public. Traffic management and detours will be in place.

Cable pulling

Epping to South Morang stations

7am to 6pm Monday to Friday,
7am to 1pm Saturday,
Ongoing from Wednesday 13 November to
Friday 22 November



- Cable pulling activities outside of the rail corridor along the South Morang shared user path
- These works will require vehicles and machinery to use the shared user path. To keep everyone safe, sections of the shared user path will be closed to the public while these works are being completed. Traffic management and detours will be in place.

Rail corridor works

Epping to South Morang stations

Friday 22 November to Monday 25 November



- Excavation, drilling and rock breaking to install trackside equipment in the rail corridor
- All rock breaking will stop by no later than 10pm
- Installation of the Henderson Creek location boxes and Relocatable Equipment Buildings
- Cable pulling will continue through the night
- During these works the shared user path from Epping to South Morang stations will be closed to the public. Traffic management and detours will be in place.

Construction Impacts

During excavation works we may encounter sub-surface rocks that will require some rock breaking. We will attempt to carry out these rock breaking activities during daytime construction hours. No rock breaking activities will extend past 10pm.

What to be aware of

- For the safety of rail passengers and our workers, some works can only be done when trains are not running
- The shared user path running alongside the rail line will be closed at times during November. It will be fully closed from Friday 8 to Monday 11 November and from Friday 22 to Monday 25 November. There will also be times throughout the month when sections of the shared user path need to be closed
- Signage and traffic management will be in place to safely detour cyclists and pedestrians around the shared user path closures
- Traffic management will be in place to control increased traffic around Border Drive, where machinery will access the rail corridor via the hi-rail pad on Border Drive, opposite Yunupingu Court
- Use of portable, low noise emitting, petrol powered light towers will be required. Where possible they will be positioned to face away from residential properties
- Works are expected to generate varying levels of noise.

Travel changes

To ensure the 24-hour works can take place safely, buses will replace trains on two weekends in November.

From 8pm on Friday 8 November to last train on Sunday 10 November

- buses will replace trains from Keon Park to Mernda.

From 8pm on Friday 22 November to last train on Sunday 24 November

- buses will replace trains from Thornbury to Mernda.

For further details and to plan your journey, visit ptv.vic.gov.au

