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College Principal Report

\$11.6 MILLION - PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

It is with much excitement that I announce that we have been allocated \$11.6 million to build a Performing Arts Centre. I have included some quotes from the Media Release:

Quotes attributable to Member for Mill Park Lily D'Ambrosio:

"Families in Mill Park have done a phenomenal job in supporting students to learn from home. As kids return to their classrooms, we want to make Mill Park Secondary College better than before."

"Not only will this make sure our kids are getting a great education – it'll create new local jobs."

Quotes attributable to Mill Park Secondary College Principal, Trish Horner:

"This is so exciting; it is a 20-year dream come true. Our very talented staff and students and the community will benefit from this Performing Arts Centre."





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COVID NORMAL



As we move towards COVID Normal, 'Stay Safe Stay Open' means that if we all continue to follow the safety measures in place, that Victoria will be able to continue to stay on top of the virus and stay open.

As part of the Department's COVIDSafe Assurance Program for Schools we had a site visit on Wednesday 25 November from a trained Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) support officer.

The visit ensures that schools and DET are acquitting their obligations under the OHS Act, and in accordance with the Safe and Well in Education Framework. The delivery of this program should increase the confidence of staff, students and members of the school community that the school is supported to be safe.

The site visit involved the OHS support officer working through the COVIDSafe Assurance checklist with representatives from the school. For training purposes, a representative from DHHS will attend to support the OHS Officers to build their infection prevention expertise.

We were given a big tick by the assessor. His auditor's comments included that the school put in place measures to maintain social distancing and promote COVID Safe behaviour (staff, students, parents) as much as practically possible. There are well established systems and procedures in place for communication and a strong emphasis on mental health and wellbeing for staff, students and the community.

Overall the school has shown strong support from staff and community.

SUBJECT NOTIFICATION & BOOKLISTS

Subject allocation is completed and for the first time we emailed the students their subjects directly. It was a team effort and I want to acknowledge the work of Geoff Matheson and Kate Clinton for devising this much more efficient and effective way to communicate student courses. The link to requests for a change in subject will only work using the student's @MillPark email address.

For the first time we have also put booklists online as well. Hard copies are available at the General Office for those who need them. We are doing our bit for a sustainable environment.

You can find the Booklists on our Website: https://www.millparksc.vic.edu.au/2021-information-pack/

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 9 Awards

Year 7 & 8 Awards

Year 6 Orientation Day

Year 10 Step Up

Last Day of Term 4

Friday 4 December Monday 7 December Tuesday 8 December

Tuesday 8 - Thursday 10 December

Friday 18 December



Campus Principal Report

MIDDLE YEARS CAMPUS SIGNS

We finally achieved our vision of having some updated signage at the front of the campus. These fresh new signs were installed on Wednesday 18 November. A huge thank you once again to Joe Cetin our Facilities Manager for jumping on to this project and making it happen.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following 2021 Year 7 Students on being awarded a Year 7 & 8 Scholarship:

- Elle F Community Scholarship
- ♦ Shumaylah H Student Leadership Scholarship
- ♦ Neva J Academic Scholarship
- ♦ Makeel R Sport Scholarship
- Mustafa K Performing Arts Scholarship

CITY OF WHITTLESEA

I am currently working with The City of Whittlesea Council who are planning renovation works of the Mill Park Basketball Stadiums that are located on our property. I am negotiating with them to have the stadium repainted in our school colours and for some signage to go at the new front entrance highlighting the association between our college and their facilities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LUNCH

It was great to join all the Middle Years Campus International Students along with Senior Campus Principal Richard Dungey and our International Student Coordinators Hai Ying Pan and Nguyet Le for a pizza lunch last week. A big thank you to both Hai Ying and Nguyet for organising the event and supplying the food. It was a great opportunity to be able discuss our plans for the International Student Program in 2021.





Campus Principal Report

EXAMS

Exams have now finished for Year 11 and 12 students, with Year 10's having their Maths and English exams this Wednesday 2nd December. Teachers will be busily correcting Year 10 and 11 exams so that the results can be entered into the students' reports.

Year 12 students will need to wait until the 30th December to find out their final results but we wish them all the best for their future pathways.

STEP UP

Step up is a chance for students at the Senior Campus to make a start on their work for 2021. This will be online this year for year 10 into 11 and year 11 into 12 as the exams have been pushed back later than usual due to COVID.

This Thursday 3rd December will be the launch when all senior campus students should go into google classroom and watch the introductory video that teachers have prepared.

Following this, there will be additional instructions on google classroom about the first piece of work that students are expected to complete. This is essential work that needs to be completed before that start of school next year and will be followed up classroom teachers.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM 2020







College Report

Information Technology Programming

Dr Damien Eeles has introduced sphero robots into Information Technology classes and our Year 7 students are having so much fun! Dr Eeles has also invited Year 7 Information Technology to participate in Edison Robotics which he is pioneering at the Middle Years Campus.

Here are a few images below of students using their Scratch/Python programming skills instructing an Edison robot to carry out manoeuvres.





School Photos are still online and available to order for 2020



On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them. You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos.

If you registered earlier this year, you will be able to log back into your account to view your images. If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your unique code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code or are unsure if you have registered, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Please note that you will need to register online with your 2020 photo code to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages are currently being sent home in, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 or email customerservice@arphotos.com.au



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INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2. To the right of the 'Like' button you will see 'Following' with a drop down arrow.
- 3. Please select 'See First in Newsfeed' and 'Notifications On (Events)'.



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Visual Arts/Design: VCE Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design, VCE Media, VET Fashion/ Design Technology Yr 7 - 10 Visual Arts & Design

Performing Arts: VCE Music Performance - Solo and Group Performances, VET Music Industry, VCE & VET Dance Solo and Group Performances. Yr 7 - 10 Music and Dance performances



About the

Respect Women: 'Call It Out' campaign

Respect Victoria's Respect Women:
'Call It Out' campaign encourages Victorians
to call out sexism, sexual harassment and
disrespect towards women.

This campaign aims to support the Victorian community in understanding what respect means, what it looks like, and how to put it into practice in their everyday lives. We have an opportunity to support our communities to understand what gender equality looks like and how striving for equality can prevent

violence against women. When gender equality exists, we all benefit.

Gender inequality involves devaluing or disrespecting women or women's contributions. Research has consistently found that these forms of disrespect increase the likelihood of violence against women.

Respect Victoria wants to inspire action and to encourage members of the public to embrace the types of behaviours and actions that represent and personify 'respect'.