

Principal Team Report

WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 2

Term 2 has commenced very smoothly. While we have been enjoying the sunshine it is slowly getting much cooler. I am concerned at the number of students who are not wearing jumpers. In order to stay healthy students should keep warm so their resistance is not lowered to put them at risk. At the back of this newsletter there is a Parent Planner for Term 2, to keep you up to date with what is happening this term.

YEAR 7 AND 9 NAPLAN TESTING – WEEK 4

Students in Year 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN testing during Week 4 on Tuesday 11 May, Wednesday 12 May and Thursday 13 May. Students will complete 4 tests across the 3 days that cover; Language Convention, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

Parental/Carer requests for withdrawal, exemptions and disability adjustments – please contact Melissa Stephens at the Middle Years Campus.

YEAR 9 NAPLAN CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

A new feature of the NAPLAN assessment is being launched this year, with the award of Year 9 Certificates of Achievement.

The new certificates aim to celebrate and recognise the importance of both excellence and learning growth.

Beginning in 2021, Year 9 students who achieve outstanding results or who significantly improve their results in NAPLAN tests will receive a NAPLAN Certificate of Achievement.

The certificates will be awarded for two categories of achievement:

- Category one: the achievement of excellence through getting a result in the top band for reading or numeracy, or both.
- Category two: the achievement of outstanding learning growth through improve by two or more bands between the NAPLAN Year 7 and Year 9 tests for reading or numeracy, or both.

For more information about the new certificate and measures for learning growth, refer to [Year 9 NAPLAN certificates of achievement](#) on the Department's website.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Mill Park Secondary College Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 May at 5.30pm. The Annual Report will be presented at the meeting. The purpose of the Annual Report to the school community is to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year, and to meet legislative and regulatory requirements under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* and the National Education Agreement 2008. Please RSVP to Joanne Armarego on 9407 9700 or joanne.armarego@education.vic.gov.au for catering and printing purposes. We would love to see you there.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students conducted by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

Students in Years 7 to 12 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school later this term. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school later in the year. Last year we used the survey results to further consult with students via a range of forums. The feedback has now been incorporated into the strategic plan goals across the areas of achievement, engagement and wellbeing.

Please contact the school if you would like more information.

LAPTOPS

Students need to bring a charged laptop or similar device to school every day and should get used to taking them home each night to complete work on and recharge. If a student does not bring a charged laptop to school, they will be very disadvantaged and may have to complete some of the work using paper and pen. As much of the work is now on Google Classroom so that students can access it at any time, having a laptop is an essential item for learning.

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MPSC UNIFORM

There is no separate summer or winter uniform and students can wear items from the uniform list that suit the weather. This includes the school trousers/pants, shorts, dress or skirt, white shirt, woollen jumper or jacket and black leather school shoes. There is also a PE/Sport uniform for the days when students have sport.

Students may wear a short sleeved garment such as a T-shirt under their school shirt for extra warmth but should not be wearing anything that is visibly not school uniform. This includes a hoody or long sleeves of a skivvy if only wearing a shirt. Most Year 12 students now have their Year 12 jackets and wear these every day. Uniform can be purchased from PSW in South Morang.

If you need support with the purchasing of uniform, please contact the school.

HOMEWORK CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Homework club runs every Thursday afternoon in the Senior Campus Library from 3:05. Food is provided and there are many staff that go in to help students at this time. The library is also open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 4:30pm for students to do private study.

We now also have tutoring afterschool every Monday in the multi purpose room, next to the canteen. This runs from 3:05 until 4:30pm and also has food for those that complete an hour of work. Tutors are on hand to support students at this time. Last Monday 26th April was the first day of after school tutoring and approximately 25 students attended! Great to see so many students taking advantage of this resource.



SPOTLIGHT ON A TEACHER

Katherine Fraser was a new teacher to Mill Park Secondary College in 2019, entering the teaching profession through a 'Teach For Australia' (TFA) program. She currently teaches Ancient History, Accounting and Legal Studies and is one of the co-ordinators of Year 10. Below is an extract from The Australian, Wednesday 28th April, 2021.

Kath Fraser, a lawyer who worked with consultants EY for eight years, found herself more attracted to its charitable activities and mentoring opportunities than corporate work.

"I wanted more human interaction and less computers," said Ms Fraser, 31. "I kept coming back to education as my own pathway to success — coming from a single-parent family in a rural area of Scotland. TFA gave me an opportunity to help students in the same situation as I was pre-uni — an opportunity to develop faster than the traditional graduate program route through their emphasis on leadership and a continued income."



Her two years were "a constant balancing act between university and school commitments", but she felt supported by her school mentor and fellow TFA associates.

PARENT TOURS SENIOR CAMPUS

Due to numerous parent requests, we are starting to run campus tours for prospective students for 2022 on a fortnightly basis. If you are interested in touring the Senior Campus to see how it operates on a normal day, please make a booking by contacting the General Office on 9409 8222 or filling out a School Tour enquiry via our website. You can also send us an email at mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • Friday 30 April | SEAL Testing Applications close |
| • Tuesday 11 May | NAPLAN Testing |
| • Wednesday 12 May | NAPLAN Testing |
| • Thursday 13 May | NAPLAN Testing |
| • Tuesday 18 May | SEAL Testing (9am-12pm) |
| • Tuesday 18 May | Annual General Meeting |
| • Tuesday 25 May | Curriculum Day- no classes |
| • Monday 7 June | Year 10 Meningococcal immunisations |
| • Wednesday 9 June | GAT |
| • Friday 11 June | Report Writing Day – no classes |

Trish Horner
College Principal



Richard Dungey
Senior Campus
Principal



Karen Eastlake
Middle Years
Campus Principal



College Report

Mill Park Secondary College presents "Wicked – The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz." We are delighted to present this musical onstage on 21, 22 and 23 July 2021 at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre.

This magical tale titled "Wicked" - The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz, centres around the character Elphaba, the misunderstood, smart, fiery girl of emerald-green, who grows up to become the notorious Wicked Witch of the West. Elphaba has strong values and is never afraid to stand up for what she believes to be right. Her interaction with Galinda, the beautiful, popular girl who grows up to become Glinda the Good Witch of the South and other delightful characters such as the Wizard, Fiyero, Nessarose, Madame Morrible and Boq, reveal how they deal with corruption, propaganda and justice. This entertaining musical brings together the wonders of narrative, singing, dancing, acting and stage craft.

We invite you to come along and to be entertained by our talented student performers.

Ticket Pricing:

Adult - \$20.00

Child / Concession - \$15.00

Family (2 adults & 2 children OR 1 adult & 3 children) - \$50.00

Tickets will be available for purchase from Monday 10 May through the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPEMK>



 **Mill Park Secondary College**
presents

WICKED

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Book by Winnie Holzman
Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire
By Arrangement with MTI Music Theatre International

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Evening Performance 7.30 pm
Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd July

Matinee Performance 10.00 am
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd July

Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre
55 Ferres Blvd Sth Morang

Tickets available: trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BPEMK> Ph: 9409 8202

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Victorian Chief Health Officer message

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities



I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you

for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj. Clinical Prof. Brett Sutton
Victorian Chief Health Officer



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2021 CSEF APPLICATIONS

If you have already made a previous application you do not need to re apply.

If you have **not** yet applied for CSEF and hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card, please complete the attached CSEF Form at the back of this newsletter and return it to the General Office with a copy of your concession card. The closing date for applications are Friday 25 June.

CSEF is an amount of \$225 which is given to the school, to use for children of Pension Card or Health Care Card holders. CSEF can only be used towards the cost of camps, sports and excursions, without exception.

If you have any queries please contact the Middle Years Campus on 9407 9700 or the Senior Campus on 9409 8222, or alternatively email us at mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au

****Please note to be eligible for CSEF your Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card must be valid on 27 January 2021.***

The City of Whittlesea advises that the Moorhead Drive and the Redleap Ave school crossing will be supervised from:
3:00pm till 3:45pm daily.



LIKE US at <https://www.facebook.com/millparksc/>

This screenshot shows you where to find SEE FIRST when you are liking the page.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. 'Like' Mill Park Secondary College.
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)'.



Upcoming Events

- **VCE and Careers Expo 2021** – Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 May 2021

2021 EXPO TIMES - 9am to 3pm

LOCATED AT - Station Street, Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield

- **Victorian Careers Show** – Saturday 15 May 2021

2021 EXPO TIMES - 9am to 3pm

LOCATED AT - Exhibition Pavilion 1, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale

Aspire @ La Trobe



Aspire – Early Admissions Program to La Trobe

The [Aspire program](#) rewards the skills and knowledge students gain from the positive impact they have made on their school or community through **community service** or **volunteerism**. Designed to give Year 12's the tools they need to succeed at La Trobe and beyond, students accepted into the Aspire program will get:

- *A taste of university life at La Trobe with special on-campus events before the year commences*
- *The chance to meet and connect with like-minded students*
- *Leadership opportunities, career development, networking, and industry mentoring*
- *VCE revision lectures for Year 12's in the September school holidays*
- *Access to La Trobe's extensive library and campus resources*
- *Induction into La Trobe's Enrichment Program to prepare for what is to come*

Successful applicants also receive their **early conditional offer** in September for their chosen course along with minimum ATAR requirements. Many courses have a minimum ATAR of 55.00, but some professional degree programs have higher requirements.

Up to 40 [Aspire scholarships](#), worth \$5,000 per year for up to four years, will be awarded to leading eligible Aspire students.

The [Minimum ATAR Table](#) shows the minimum ATAR for some professional degree courses for entry through Aspire in 2022. Should an applicant's preferred course not be listed on this table, then the minimum ATAR is 50.00.

La Trobe University will be at Mill Park Secondary College on Thursday 6 May to give a presentation and answer questions about Aspire. This is a lunch-time session from 1pm.

Upcoming Webinars



Discover What's Next Webinar Series

Over the coming months, RMIT will be hosting a series of *free Discover What's Next* online webinars. All events will take place from 5.00pm- 6.00pm, and registration is important, so click on the event listed below. Students are encouraged to register for as many that may interest them.

Discover What's Next - Art	Tuesday 4 May
Discover What's Next - Fashion	Thursday 6 May
Discover What's Next - Architecture	Tuesday 11 May
Discover What's Next - Design	Thursday 13 May
Discover What's Next - Game Design	Tuesday 18 May
Discover What's Next - Social Science	Thursday 20 May
Discover What's Next - Communication	Tuesday 25 May
Discover What's Next - Media	Thursday 27 May
Discover What's Next - Biomedical Sciences	Tuesday 1 June
Discover What's Next - Engineering	Thursday 3 June
Discover What's Next - Flight Training and Aviation	Tuesday 8 June
Discover What's Next - Trades	Thursday 10 June
Discover What's Next - Science	Tuesday 15 June
Discover What's Next - Health Science	Thursday 17 June
Discover What's Next - Information Technology	Tuesday 22 June
Discover What's Next - Education	Thursday 24 June
Discover What's Next - Building	Tuesday 13 July
Discover What's Next - Property	Thursday 15 July



Meet Melbourne Webinar Series 2021

The **Meet Melbourne Online 2021** undergraduate webinar series gives students the opportunity to explore the courses and study areas that interest them. Commencing on Tuesday 27 April, the university will be running 13 subject area specific sessions over two weeks. Every webinar will run for 45 minutes, commencing at 6.00pm.

DATE	SESSION NAME
3 May	Bachelor of Commerce: your path to a global career
3 May	Education at Melbourne: a student teacher's practical guide
4 May	Veterinary medicine at Melbourne: course to career
5 May	Bachelor of Biomedicine: your pathway to a career in health
5 May	Bachelor of Design: create with a purpose
6 May	Music, film, visual and performing arts at Melbourne
6 May	Engineering at Melbourne: explore your majors

Students should please register at [Meet Melbourne Online](#)

Inside Monash Seminar Series

Get the inside story on what it's really like to study at Monash. Over the course of the coming months, you'll have the opportunity to hear from current students, past students, and academics from all ten faculties. You'll find out more about what it's like to study specific courses, internships and career outcomes and so much more!

Students should register online

Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor's/Master's Program	Tuesday 4 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Shape the Future as an Architect of Change	Tuesday 4 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Why study Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Science?	Tuesday 4 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Be the Designer the World Needs	Wednesday 5 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
The World of Fine Art and Curation	Thursday 6 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Media Communication	Tuesday 11 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Engineer your Future	Thursday 13 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Public Health, Nutrition, and Health Sciences	Thursday 13 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy & Paramedicine	Wednesday 19 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Where can I.T. take me?	Thursday 20 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Advanced Science Degrees	Wednesday 26 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Psychology, Radiography, and Radiation Science	Thursday 27 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Introduction to Law	Thursday 3 June, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics	Tuesday 8 June, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Music – Performance, Composition, and Technology	Tuesday 15 June, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Become a Teacher	Wednesday 16 June, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

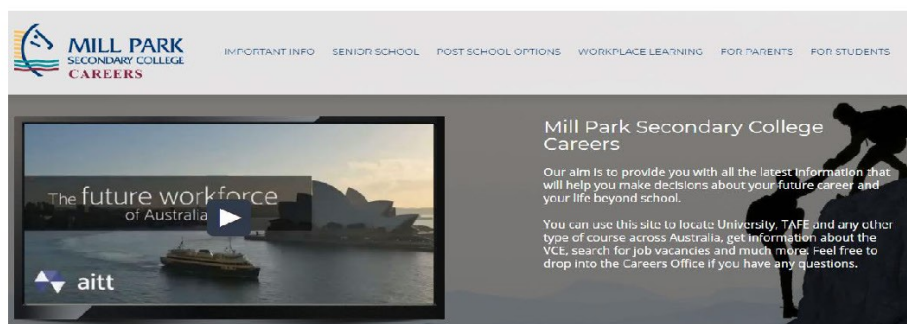


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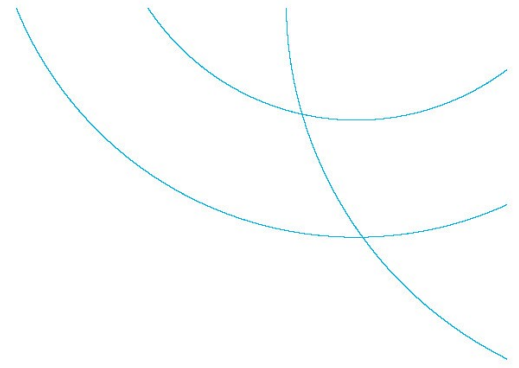
- Thursday 6 May – La Trobe University Aspire Presentation
On campus at Mill Park Secondary College – 1pm

Want More Career Information?

Check out our [Careers Website](#) which provides extensive resources for students and parents.



The screenshot shows the Mill Park Secondary College Careers website. The header includes the college logo and navigation links: IMPORTANT INFO, SENIOR SCHOOL, POST SCHOOL OPTIONS, WORKPLACE LEARNING, FOR PARENTS, and FOR STUDENTS. The main content area features a video player with the title 'The future workforce of Australia' and the aitt logo. To the right of the video, there is text stating: 'Mill Park Secondary College Careers. Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school. You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, search for job vacancies and much more. Feel free to drop into the Careers Office if you have any questions.'



Works Notification

Out of hours works on the Mernda line Epping to South Morang

From Monday 17 May to Friday 27 August 2021

Testing of next-generation High Capacity Signalling for the Metro Tunnel is continuing on the Mernda line.

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

Out of hours works will continue intermittently on the Mernda line from May to August to allow the Metro Tunnel Project to conduct critical testing of High Capacity Signalling technology.

These works will also include relocation of an existing signal mast and associated trackside equipment near Pindari Avenue in May 2021.

What we are doing

- Testing trackside and train equipment
- Testing new signalling technology
- Relocating trackside and signalling equipment
- Works will require the use of an excavator, hand-held power tools, lighting tower, light vehicles and trains that will be testing the new technology on the track.

When

From 7pm to 5am

- Monday 17 May to Friday 21 May
- Monday 7 June to Wednesday 9 June
- Wednesday 16 June to Friday 18 June
- Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July
- Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July
- Monday 12 July to Friday 16 July
- Monday 26 July to Friday 30 July

- Monday 2 August to Friday 6 August
- Monday 9 August to Friday 13 August
- Monday 16 August to Friday 20 August
- Monday 23 August to Friday 27 August.

What to be aware of

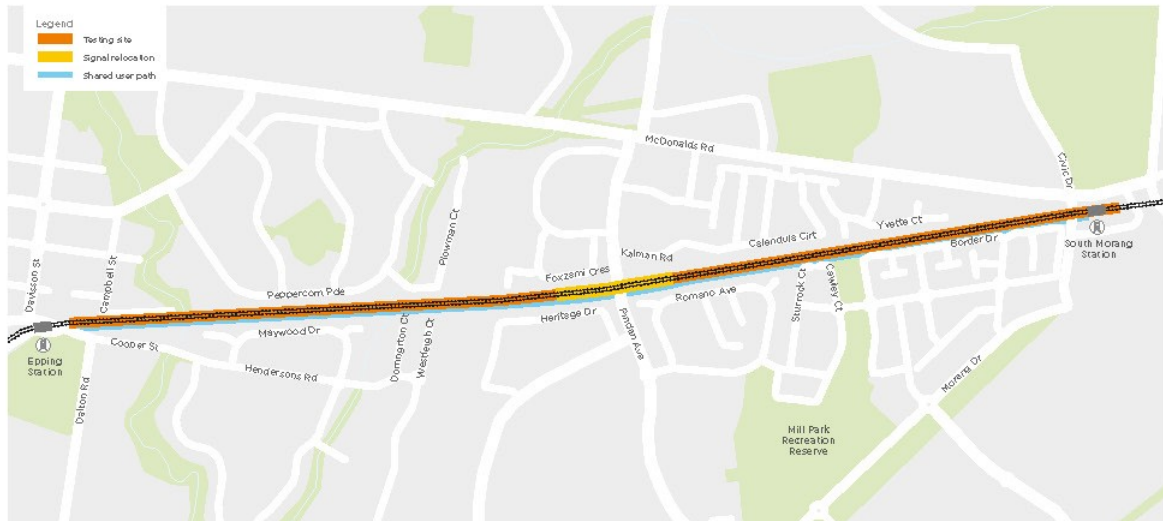
- These works are expected to generate medium to high levels of noise
- During the May works at Pindari Avenue, the shared user path that runs alongside the rail corridor between Epping and South Morang station will remain open for use. However, traffic management will be in place during this period to enable safe movements of light vehicles that will be accessing the path to enter the rail corridor
- Testing works will require the use of trains at night, when trains are not normally running. The trains will use horns as required.

Travel changes

- To ensure these works can take place safely, buses replace trains on various evenings from 8.50pm to last service between Epping and Mernda from 17 May to 27 August 2021
- Passengers should allow extra travel time.

To stay up-to-date with bus replacement timetables and to plan your journey visit ptv.vic.gov.au





Health and safety

Works on the Metro Tunnel Project are progressing with strict COVIDsafe Plans in place. The health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority.

For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au



More information

To find out more about the Metro Tunnel Project:

 metrotunnel.vic.gov.au

 1800 105 105 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Rail Projects Victoria
PO Box 4509, Melbourne, VIC 3001



Interpreter Service (03) 9209 0147

It should be noted that this information is current at the time of printing, however due to unforeseen circumstances, changes may occur. Please visit railprojects.vic.gov.au for the latest updates.

TERM 2		PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PLANNER					2021	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN	
1	19-Apr Character Focus - Gratitude	20-Apr Character Focus - Gratitude	21-Apr Character Focus - Gratitude	22-Apr Character Focus - Gratitude	23-Apr Character Focus - Gratitude	24-Apr	25-Apr ANZAC DAY	
2	26-Apr Character Focus - Team work Year 8 Assembly	27-Apr Character Focus - Team work	28-Apr Character Focus - Team work	29-Apr Character Focus - Team work Inter Winter Sport* Year 7 Assembly	30-Apr Character Focus - Team work SEAL Testing applications close	1-May	2-May	
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3	3-May Character Focus - Team work	4-May Character Focus - Team work Year 9 Assembly	5-May Character Focus - Team work	6-May Character Focus - Team work	7-May Character Focus - Team work Whittlesea Div Cross Country	8-May	9-May	
		STANDING COMMITTEES						
4	10-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery	11-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery Senior Winter Sport*	12-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery	13-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery	14-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery Whittlesea Div Track & Field Yr 11 Assembly	15-May	16-May	
		NAPLAN Testing	NAPLAN Testing	NAPLAN Testing				
5	17-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery	18-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery SEAL Testing (9am-12pm)	19-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery	20-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery Yr 8 Winter Sport*	21-May Character Focus - Honesty & Bravery Yr 10 Assembly	22-May	23-May	
		SCHOOL COUNCIL						
6	24-May Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness Inter & Senior Girls Footy	25-May CURRICULUM DAY	26-May Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness Yr 7 & 8 Girls Footy	27-May Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness Year 7 Assembly	28-May Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness	29-May	30-May	
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7	31-May Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness	1-Jun Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness Yr 7 Winter Sport*	2-Jun Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness	3-Jun Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness Boys Netball (Jnr, Inter, Snr)	4-Jun Character Focus - Social Intelligence & Forgiveness Yr 12 Assembly	5-Jun	6-Jun	
		STANDING COMMITTEES						
8	7-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence Yr 10 - Meningococcal	8-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence	9-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence PPD - WHOLE COLLEGE GAT	10-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence	11-Jun REPORT WRITING DAY	12-Jun	13-Jun	
		FINANCE COMMITTEE		VCAL	NEWSLETTER			
9	14-Jun QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	15-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence Semester 2 commences	16-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence NMR Cross Country	17-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence	18-Jun Character Focus - Judgement & Prudence	19-Jun	20-Jun	
		SCHOOL COUNCIL						
10	21-Jun Character Focus - Love	22-Jun Character Focus - Love	23-Jun Character Focus - Love	24-Jun Character Focus - Love MY Campus Assembly (S1)	25-Jun Character Focus - Love	26-Jun	27-Jun	
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