

College Principal's Report

This week has seen the staggered return to face-to-face schooling and it has been fantastic to see all of our students on site for at least two days across the week. When speaking with students in class and in the yard the reaction has been (predictably!) mixed. They are all reporting that it is good to be back and to be amongst their peers again, but also that the transition back to on-site learning is also tiring.

The Mill Park Student Engagement Model makes clear some of the key things that we know are important if students are to flourish in their learning while they are at school: **Body. Stamina. Engagement. Character.**

In particular, we know that after coming back from remote learning, many of our students will struggle with some of the physical constraints of following routines in the classroom. We also know that maintaining the learning stamina is also challenging as they have been used to a much more flexible and reduced program.

This is something that our staff are adjusting to themselves, and I know that they are expecting these areas to be difficult for students. **Please be supportive and encouraging of your young people over the coming weeks. Of course, there will be up days and down days, but as we progress it is worth helping them reflect:** Do they feel like they are building their stamina to get the most out of each school day? Are they finding it easier to stay focused and concentrate across the course of the days and weeks? **What helps them stay in this positive frame of mind/what gets in the way?**

By talking with students, not just about what they are doing at school, but also about how they go about it, we can help them see that being an engaged and positive learner is a capacity that they all have, is something they can work on and is perhaps more important than any single topic that they might happen to be studying in class at present! By working on this in a partnership between home and school we can support them to be the best they can possibly be.

Next week all students are expected back for all classes. This includes Monday 1 November when normal programs will be running. Students in our Year 12 classes are now well into their exam program, and this will continue into mid-November. It has also been great to see a significant number of final year students working hard to catch up on key coursework which they have missed in order to achieve a satisfactory result for their studies. This is a big win and I congratulate students and thank teachers for their efforts to get these students across the line.

The current Department of Education guidelines allow us to operate in a much more normal fashion over the coming weeks, whilst still maintaining a safe environment for the school community. A key factor in this is vaccination. All staff are vaccinated, and all students are eligible for a free and safe vaccination: I encourage you to take this step if you can.

The Middle Years Campus will be hosting a pop-up community vaccination clinic on Saturday 6 November across the day. This is a free, walk-in service for the whole community and no bookings are required. I have shared information about this directly through Sentral and I encourage you to forward it to others who may be interested in it.

I wish everyone well for this weekend. If you are heading out of metropolitan Melbourne for the first time in months, drive safely and I look forward to seeing all students back on-site next week.

Tim Natoli
Acting College Principal





MY Campus Principal's Report

THANK YOU

I am very thankful to families and staff for the flexibility that has been shown, to support our staggered return to school. Hopefully the staggered days at year 8 and 9 have helped students transition back into learning, without over-stretching their stamina. The commitment by all staff to provide additional support in the classrooms has been amazing, but in particular the team of staff who have worked closely with Year 7 students, who have had their stamina tested coming straight back to full-time onsite schooling.

There were plenty of instances of positive support for academic, social and emotional learning during the past six days, and we hope to see some of these benefits extending into the longer-term transition back to school.

Thanks also to our students who have been willing participants in the reflection and special activities and the classwork they have begun onsite.



Character Strengths

Our character strength focus has been **perspective**, and I have been impressed with:

- How students have given thought to their class plans for supporting one another through the remainder of the year.
- The communication from students and families to help work around some of the anxiety related to returning to school.
- Students commitment and family support for COVID safety. Compliance with mask wearing has been excellent. While it is great to think we will not require masks outside, once school recommences on Monday, wearing of masks indoors will remain a non-negotiable.
- The decision by many students to wear reusable masks, which are definitely better for the environment and often more comfortable.

In retaining perspective about some of the positive of our staggered return, it is important we keep supporting each other through the coming weeks and implement all of the great thinking classes have done.

Melbourne Cup Eve (Monday 1 November)

This is a normal school day for all year levels. Given the timing there may be families who choose to take the opportunity to travel, see family or friends or attend to important tasks outside of Melbourne. If this is the case for you we understand, but ask you let the General Office know of any absences.

Early departures from school

This is a reminder of our process for early leavers. For any know events or appointments, please plan to collect your child from school at recess (10:38-11:05am) or lunchtime (12:43-1:27pm). This minimises disruption to classes and the work of our office staff. Students will only be collected during class-time, in emergency situations.

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Thank you to the Year 7 teachers who demonstrated their Halloween spirit to celebrate the first full week back at school with the Year 7s.





Senior Campus Principal's Report

I am glad to be able to report that all Senior campus students are now back at school and doing face to face learning. This has been a long time coming but students have been very eager to catch up with friends and complete work that is not over Zoom. I'm sure many parents are glad to have students return to school, although some students may be overwhelmed if they are not up to date with their work. Staff are working really hard to balance a pleasant and engaging return for students as well as catching students up if they have fallen behind with their work over the last 3-4 months.

Year 10

Year 10 students now have four weeks of classes before starting a week of Year 11 Step Up, where they get to attend their 2022 subjects and get prepared for next year. This means they need to take every advantage of their time in class (and at home) to catch up on any work that they may have fallen behind in during remote learning.



Year 11

For current Year 11 students, they have two weeks of regular classes before having an assessment week and then two weeks of the Headstart program. This means that Year 11 students have a very limited amount of time to 'catch up' if they have fallen behind.

Headstart program is very different from Step Up as the students will be beginning their 2022 work. It is essential that all Year 11 students attend each day or they will be behind with their Year 12 work from the very start.

Year 12

Year 12 VCE students are now well into their final exams. The English and Further Maths exams had to be divided across the two campuses due to the number of students but all of the other exams are being held at the Senior Campus. Exams continue until the last exams on Wednesday 17 November. Celebration Day will occur on Thursday 18 November so get your costumes ready!



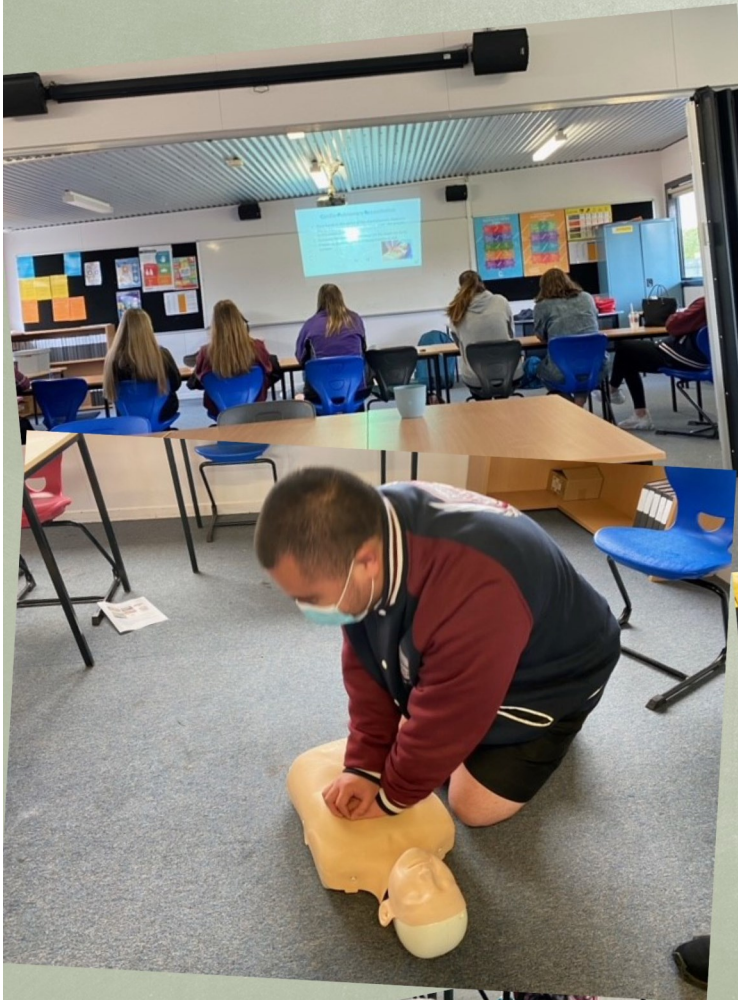
Monday 1 November

Although some families may be taking advantage of the long weekend with the Melbourne Cup holiday being on Tuesday 2 November, school will still be open on the Monday and classes will still be running. If students are not away on family holidays, they are expected to be at school. This year in particular, students need to make the most of every school day, considering the disruptions to their learning that has happened this year.

YEAR 12 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FINAL DAY AT SCHOOL



YEAR 12 COMMUNITY SERVICES VET FIRST AID



Upcoming Events




Reminder: VTAC 2022 Upcoming Key Dates

VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 3 December 2021
ATARs Released	Thursday 16 December 2021
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Monday 20 December 2021
December Round International Offers	Tuesday 21 December 2021
January Round International Offers	Friday 7 January 2022
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 14 January 2022
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 1 February 2022 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au

Accommodation Scholarship



C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years. The scholarships are available to all Australian students, and the majority are usually awarded to students entering their first year of university studies. Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions, so this scholarship is not restricted to one university. The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen.

The 2022 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships will open on Monday 6 December and close on Friday 7 January 2022.

Current Year 12 students are encouraged to browse [Hawker Scholarship](#) for more information about the scholarship, and to download an application form.



New Camp Assistant Programme

Letz Live has a brand new programme that could see Year 12 graduates getting overseas for 2022. With the world opening up, now is the time to plan the adventure of a lifetime.

Applications are now open for the *new* **Camp Activities Assistant** in the **UK**. This 6-8 month placement will involve working in a leading outdoor educational centre. The role will see assistants supervising various outdoor activities, which may include *paddle boarding, high ropes, quad biking, sports* and more.

Participants will receive on-site accommodation, all meals, and a monthly salary. They will also take part in an orientation in London where they meet a network of other participants, before heading to their training and placement.

Students keen on finding out more are recommended to browse [Letz Live Working Holiday in the UK – Activity Camps](#)



Dates to Diarise in Term 4

All Year 12 Students - Change of Preference

When you receive your ATAR on 16 December the Careers Office will be open to help with your course selection for 2022.

Thursday 16 December – 9am to 4pm

Friday 17th December – 9am to 1pm.

Make sure to contact us during this time if you have any questions regarding your course preferences.

Want More Career Information?

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

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Alumni Story—Jasmine Ravi-Pinto:

Hi there!

I'm Jasmine and I graduated from Mill Park Secondary in 2016 as DUX of the college.

When I was in Year 12, like a lot of students, I was still undecided on what I wanted to do. I loved the sciences and had a passion for the human body, so was almost certain I wanted to do something in that field. Despite this, I had a drive to push myself out of my comfort zone – so that's exactly what I did. When I completed my VTAC preferences, I decided to keep my options open and have a try at different fields. Straight after high school I started a double degree in Science & Law at Monash University. I did this for a mere 1 semester before I quickly realized that law was NOT for me. I decided to swap out of my degree and continued with a straight science course. That was the beauty of University - once you're in, you can do anything! I took this opportunity to slow my degree down, take some time off and reduce my course load - and it was the best decision I've ever made. The beauty of life after high school is that there is no rush to the finish line and everyone works at their own pace. You can swap and stop at any point and then jump right back in.

During this time, I worked part-time to save up some cash, I travelled (pre-COVID-19) and I immersed myself in lots of volunteer and mentor roles which taught me so much about myself and the world. It was through my experiences that I solidified my decision to go into medicine. I ended up graduating from a Bachelor of Science in the middle of 2020 and spent the second half of the year relaxing and working before starting a Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (MD) at Monash University in February of this year. Despite not having as much of a clear-cut path as some, I know that I've made the right decision and I'm so grateful for the experiences that I've had.



If you take anything from my experience, it's that no one has the same path and that's a good thing! Focus on your own journey and make the most of every opportunity you get. You never know what you'll learn!

Mill Park Secondary College Alumni

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE OR ARE YOU A PREVIOUS MILL PARK
SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE
LEAVING MPSC?

We would love to hear from you and share your story with our school community.
Please contact Renee at mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au



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SATURDAY
OCTOBER 30**

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DELIVERY DELAYS SHOULD BE EXPECTED.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 NOW OPEN!

If you are interested in a position at our College in 2022 please head to our website via the following link to fill out our Enrolment Enquiry form: <https://www.millparksc.vic.edu.au/enrolment/>

Once we receive this we will contact you with further information.

Alternatively you can give us a call at the Middle Years Campus (Years 7-9) on 9407 9700 or Senior Campus (Years 10-12) on 9409 8222, or you can also email us at mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au

2022

Enrolments Now Open

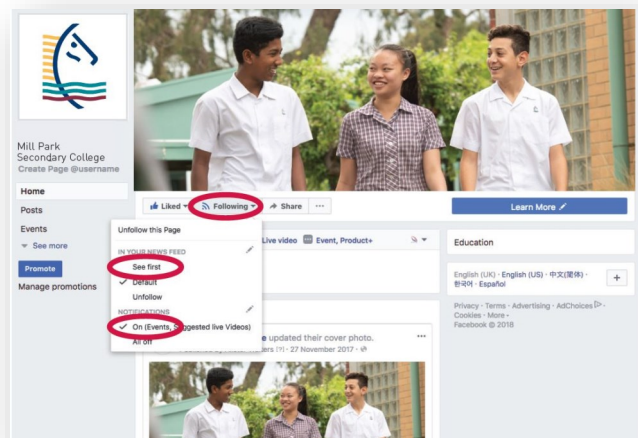


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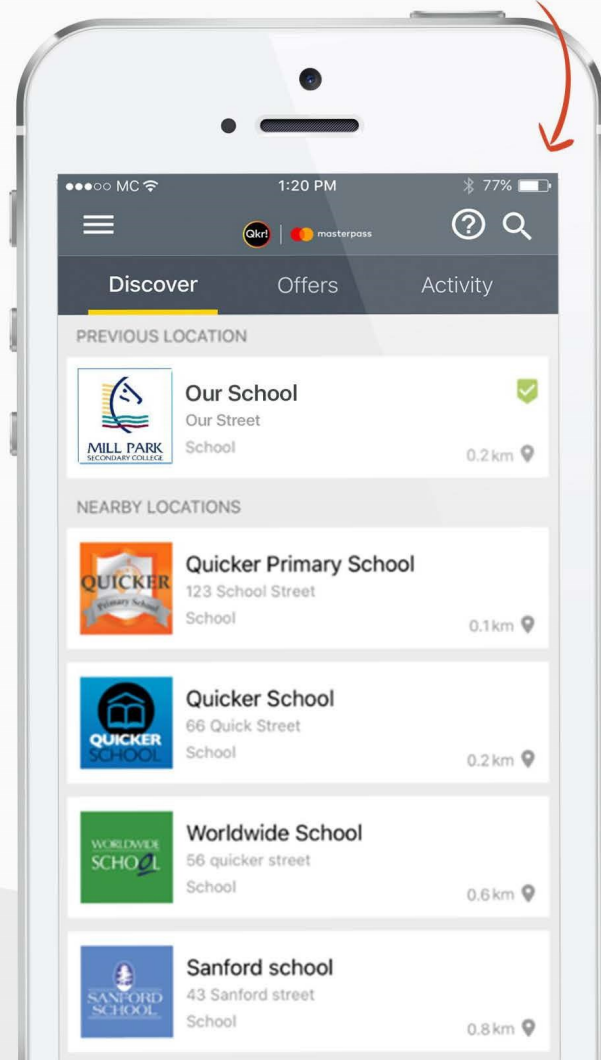
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If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

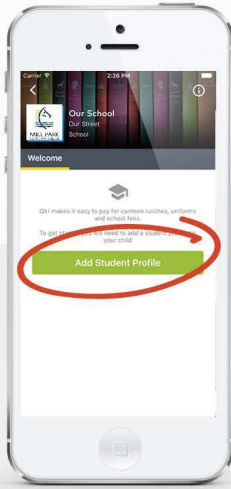




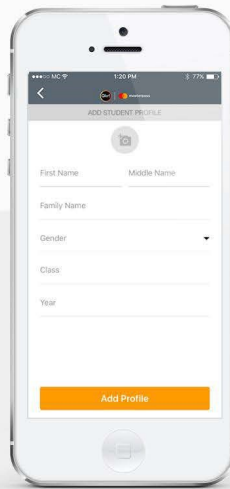
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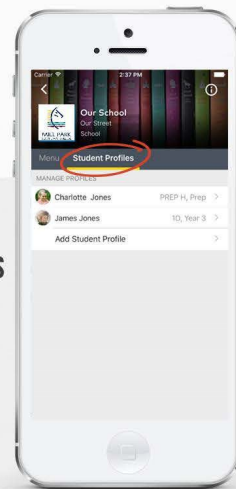
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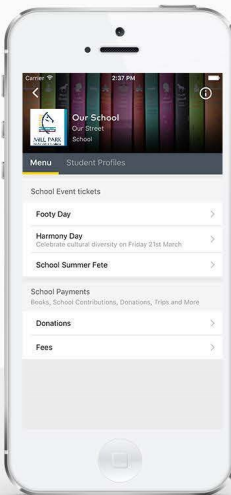


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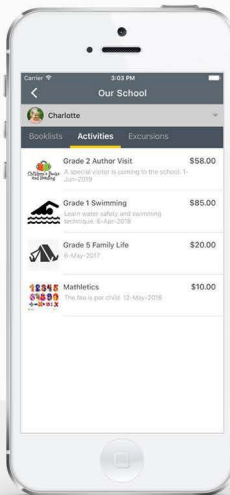


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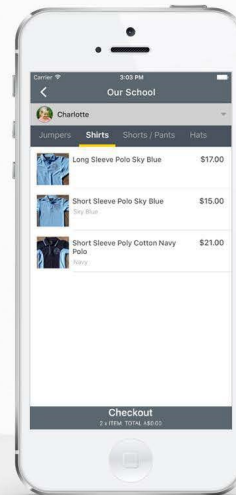


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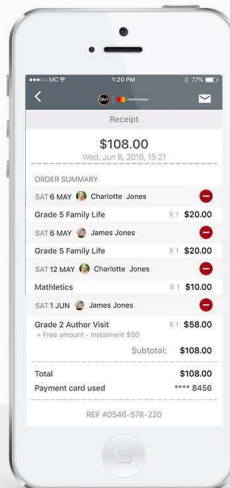
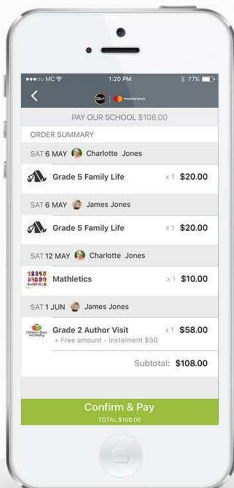
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