



## College Principal's Report

The College has been busy over the past few weeks as we have returned to a much more normal setting. It has been great to see all students back in their classes and starting to turn their minds not just to their classes for the remainder of the year, but also towards what 2022 will bring.

For your current Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students course planning is well under way and these are being shared with students as I write. Most students have been assigned courses in accordance with their preferences which is great.

Our Year 11 students will undertake several examinations over the next few days and will then begin their 'Headstart' program. I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Mr Dungey and the efforts of a wide range of staff who have worked hard to make this opportunity possible for our students.

The significant planning which has occurred means that our Year 12 class of 2022 will commence their academic programs in full, with their actual teachers next week. This will allow them to settle into their new classes, undertake their first units of study and ensure that they go into the summer break with a clear idea of what they need to do ahead of the new school year. This is the first time that the College has run the program in this format, and I am sure that the Senior School team will welcome students' reflections and feedback.

While my late report this week has delayed the publication of the newsletter, it has allowed me the chance to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing achievements of our Year 12 students who have now completed their exams, and today are coming into the College for their Celebration Morning.

As parents and families of our class of 2022, you will be able to speak to the many individual struggles, setbacks and personal victories that have brought students to this point far better than I can. We hope that our future students can avoid some of this experience as the impact completing Year 12 during a pandemic may well linger beyond 2021. This year's students share this - its highs and of course its lows. They also take from it resilience, determination, and pride that they have brought themselves to this point despite the many challenges they have faced.

The feelings of pride and relief are evident on students' faces as they move around the school today in their fantastic costumes. They will have further opportunities to celebrate their achievement at the upcoming Year 12 Formal and at the Senior School Awards Night.

These events may not be run in their 'normal' fashion due to circumstances that are out of our control. They will however be perhaps more meaningful than ever for this group of young people and on behalf of the College and the whole school I congratulate them and wish them the very best as they step out into the world beyond Mill Park Secondary College.



**Tim Natoli**  
*Acting College Principal*



# MY Campus Principal's Report

## Homegroup reflection and bounce-back plans

Thanks to students and staff for the work that has gone into these plans. The flexibility provided by families and staff, allowing us to have additional staff supporting student's return to school appears to have made for a smoother transition back into learning. Below are some snip-its from plans at various year levels:

### Is there anything we feel we should focus on as a class to support each other?

- 9C- As a class we need to focus on having respectful interactions, showing more kindness and trying to understand each other more.
- 8C- Be respectful. Demonstrate the College values. Help each other. Be kind to each other. Have a growth mind-set
- 7B- Being kind and polite to one another. Doing more group work activities. Being respectful towards each other by not talking over each other. Using polite phrases and language e.g. "Nice mask!"

### Motivational messages quotes from students in 9F

- Life is tough, but so are you
- Not everyone feels the same
- Great things come from hard work and perseverance

### What are some things you can do or say to respectfully encourage others to stay on task/listen in class? (9I, 8H, 7H)

- We have work, let's focus.
- Hey, the teacher is talking. Let's talk about this later.
- Be a role model
- Support others with work
- Ignore distractions
- Remind each other that we are all in this together
- Wait, hold on, we can talk about this after.

### Considering our school values and positive in class behaviours, what positive behaviour do we want to focus on/maximise to help everyone to bounce-back?

- 7B emphasised focussing on respect in the way that we speak to each other and ensuring that we are actively listening to students that are sharing their opinions
- 7B also discussed the importance of kindness, especially in the first few weeks of being back at school (from both teachers and peers)

### How could you use the SWPBS to support/encourage positive behaviours in the yard?

- Students of 7B said that they can make sure to wave and smile at each other in the yard
- Greet each other positively
- Share words of encouragement when students are attempting a learning activity

For Middle Years Campus students we will continue to refer to their plans, to support their work through to the end of the year, but also revisit plans at the beginning of 2022, to re-engage with the students' views, while refocussing on returning to learning after the summer holidays.

## Remembrance Day (Thursday 11 November)

Thanks to our student leaders Karthika Srikamalanathan and Agshitha Nirmalan, who conducted a short, yet appropriate service for the campus on Remembrance Day, ably supported by Melissa Stephens (Campus Assistant Principal). We acknowledge the respect of our students and the commitments and sacrifices made by family members of our school community in conflicts over time. Lest we forget.





# MY Campus Principal's Report

## **Camp, excursion and activity opportunities**

Students from all year levels have a range of great opportunities to look forward to as we get closer to the end of term.

**Year 9 City School** will be happening in week 9. The following dates indicate when classes will be visiting the city:

Monday 29 - Tuesday 30 November; 9A, 9G, 9H, 9I

Wednesday 1 - Thursday 2 December; 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F

**Year 8 Camp:** Monday 6 - Wednesday 8 December

**Year 7 Zoo Excursion:** Wednesday 8 December

## **All Middle Years Campus students:**

**Middle Years Campus activities days:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9 December (No permission form required)

**Picnic Day (Funfields):** Friday 10 December

Thanks to all of the staff who have contributed to the organisation of these activities. Please ensure permission forms have been returned by the due date, so students don't miss out on these opportunities.

## **Character Strengths**

Our recent character strength focus has been **appreciation of beauty and excellence**.

### **What is appreciation of beauty and excellence?**

"Those who express an appreciation of beauty & excellence notice and appreciate beauty, excellence and/or skilled performance in all domains of life, from nature to art to mathematics to science to everyday experience. This may include physical beauty in music, nature or art, the admiration of the physical talents of dancers and athletes or the virtuous goodness that makes someone want to be better, more loving, creating feelings of elevation. We all have things which connect with this strength within ourselves. I hope you find something to appreciate in the next few days as drawing on this strength leads us to the virtue of transcendence." ref.

## **The value of responsibility**

Our new toilet block has been open to students upon their return to school. We have emphasised the desire for everyone to do their best to maintain the excellent condition of this new facility and students have shown a great deal of responsibility, reporting any issues of cleanliness or concern. As a result they are still looking brand new, which is pretty impressive after more than a few hundred visitors.





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## Year 7 HPV Vaccination —18 November 2021

Year 7 students are due for their 2<sup>nd</sup> HPV vaccination through the City of Whittlesea. **COVID-19 vaccines can be co-administered with an influenza vaccine or another vaccine if required.**

The advice we have been given is to inform the community that administering other scheduled vaccines such as influenza, HPV (Human Papilloma vaccine), Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Meningococcal ACWY is safe to do so **without the need for a 7 day gap.**

However, it should be noted that in doing this it can lead to a higher frequency of mild to moderate adverse events. It also can also make it harder to attribute potential adverse events to specific vaccines.

The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging, and advice is changing frequently. We appreciate these changes can be confusing. We felt it important to keep the community up to date and we ask that if you would like to reconsider opting your child back into the school immunisation program on Thursday 18 November, please email [tracey.gordon@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:tracey.gordon@whittlesea.vic.gov.au) or call 9217 2100. If you have already opted out and wish to remain out of the school program, there is no need to contact us. If you have any queries or concerns, please email the team on [teamfamilyimmunisation@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:teamfamilyimmunisation@whittlesea.vic.gov.au) or call 9217 2100.

## Debating and Public Speaking Program for Years 7 and 8

Congratulations to both Junior Secondary Program teams for both winning their debates against Ilim College and Parade College in Round 2 of the competition last week. All speakers put in fantastic effort and all team members have consistently shown the character strengths of teamwork, leadership and perseverance. Congratulations to Jenaan from 8I and Zachary from 8G who were awarded Best Speakers in their respective debates. Also a congratulations to Jessica from 8D who was awarded Best Speaker in her team's debate in Round 1. Best of luck to all teams for the final round next week!

## Scholarship Winners 2022

The following students have been successful in obtaining a scholarship for Year 7 in 2022:

Aaron A – Community Scholarship  
Jeremy E – Sport Scholarship  
Tai L – Student Leadership Scholarship  
Saathana R – Performing Arts Scholarship  
Saana C – Academic Scholarship

The following students have been successful in obtaining a scholarship for Year 9 in 2022:

Christopher A - Sport  
Frensi R – Student Leadership  
Nikita B - Academic  
Savannah J - Community  
Akshaya V - PA

Congratulations to all of the students who applied and took part in the scholarship process. We are very proud of all of our students. Well done everyone!

## PAT Testing

*All MYC students will be completing the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) next week in week 7. This will take place on the allocated day listed below and only during Session 1 and 2. Students will remain with their homegroups during the testing sessions.*

Year 7: Monday 15/11 Session 1 and 2  
Year 8: Tuesday 16/11 Session 1 and 2  
Year 9: Wednesday 17/11 Session 1 and 2

*Students are required to attend Homegroup as usual. After the tests, classes will resume as normal for the remainder of the day.*

*Students are required to bring: A charged laptop, charging cables and writing materials including a pencil and rubber.*

*All our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will complete two online PAT - one test for Reading Comprehension and one test for Maths. These are both multiple choice tests that assess what students already know and what they might be ready to learn next. The results from these tests help our teachers and leaders to better understand our students' strengths and challenges when it comes to literacy and numeracy, and this allows us to more accurately plan and deliver tailored teaching and learning activities within our classrooms. The results of this test will also help teachers assess how our students have reset and returned to onsite learning.*

*Students who miss the testing day will be required to sit the tests after school during homework club or during a series of lunch times in the week after the testing day.*





# Senior Campus Principal's Report

The year is quickly coming to an end and the Year 12 exams will be all complete on Wednesday 17 November. For students in Years 10 and 11, it is time to complete any last pieces of work and prepare for final assessments. A lot of this work is practical work that could not be done remotely but students have relished the opportunity to finally get practical tasks completed.



Soon it will be time to think forward to 2022 as students begin Year 12 Headstart and Year 11 Step Up. Details are below.

## Year 10

Year 10 students now have only two weeks left to complete their work for the year. Their year 10 classes will finish on Friday 26 November with an awards assembly during session 5. Hopefully this can be conducted outside if the weather is fine so that other members of the school community can also attend but if not, it will be run in the gym with just school staff and students. The following week, Monday 22 November to Friday 3 December, Year 10 students will participate in Step Up. During this week, students will get a taste of what their VCE or VCAL class will be like and will have a last minute opportunity to change subjects if they find out what they chose is not to their liking.

## Year 11

Year 11 students have now finished their class learning for the year and are beginning a week of assessments and exams. Regular class time will occur for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday when students will be doing revision or assessments in class. On Thursday 18 November, all Year 11 students will be doing English exams and then on Friday 19 November, all Year 11 students will be doing Maths exams. On this Thursday and Friday when Year 11 students have exams, they only need to attend school during the exam. For the following two weeks, current Year 11 students will be participating in Year 12 Headstart. During these two weeks, students will begin their 2022 work so attendance is essential. This will finish on Friday 3 December with an awards assembly during session 3 & 4.

## Year 12

Next week are the last few exams for this Years Year 12 cohort. With exams finishing on Wednesday 17 November, the morning of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November will be Celebration time. Year 12 students traditionally dress up in costume for a final farewell from the school, so I am looking forward to seeing Year 12 students happy to be finally finished all of their exams and heading off on the next stage of their life. Friday 26 November is the year 12 formal and Wednesday 15 December is Year 12 Awards evening at Moonee Valley Racecourse.

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## Year 10 Leadership Program

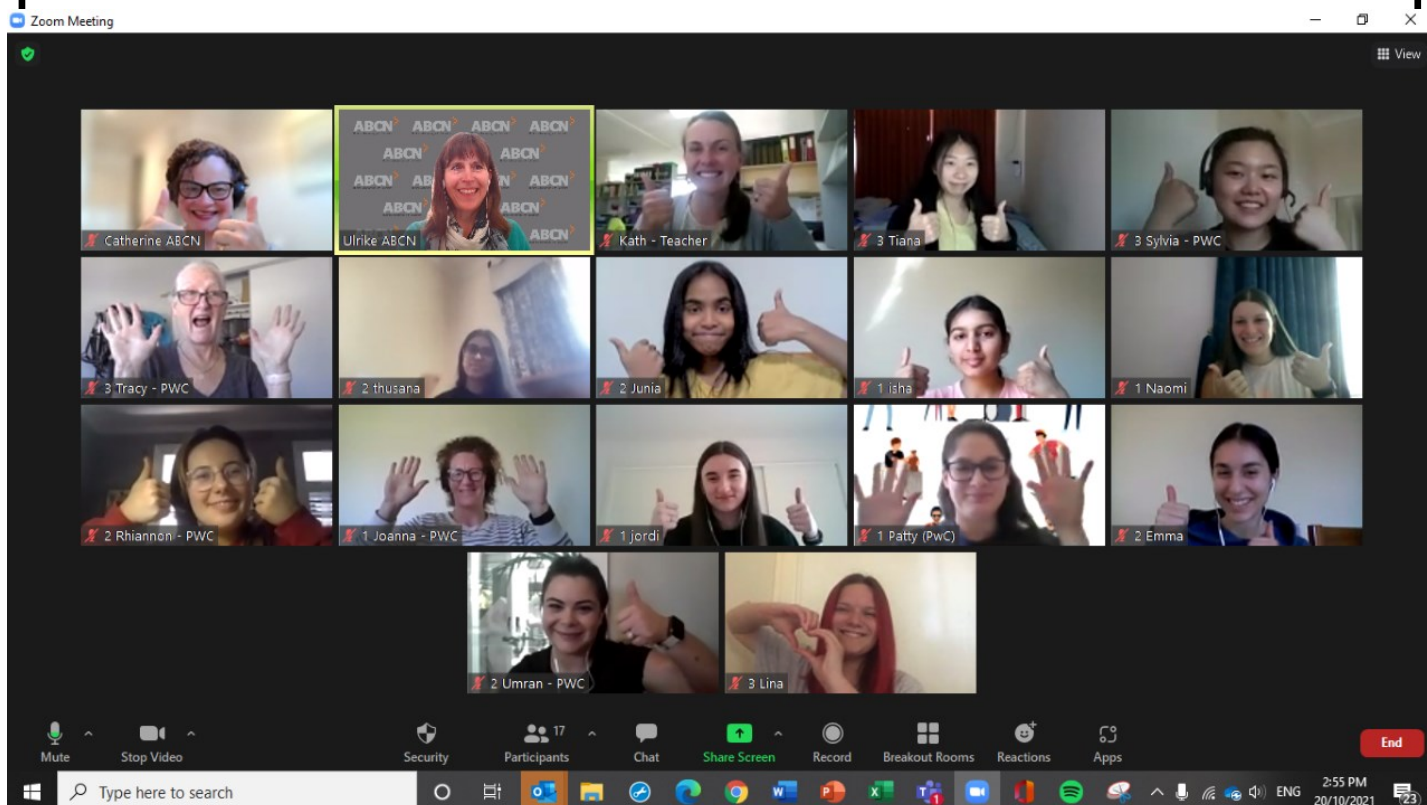
Over the first three weeks of Term 4, eleven of our Year 10 female leaders took part in ABCN's FOCUS program over Zoom. This program helped our students to identify their strengths and goals for the future, whilst networking with business mentors from PwC. The business mentors from PwC were so impressed with our students, calling them: "some of the brightest future minds, leaders and professionals of our world."

As a result of the program, ALL students reported feeling more confident with communication and leadership skills, with comments such as:

"I was hesitant at first but after doing the first session I realized what a safe space it was and that some people have been through different experiences and can relate. Overall, this program has made me feel more confident in myself."

"I learnt its okay to recognize and be comfortable with where I am now as a person, and to let go of things that are bothering me. Overall, I feel more comfortable with my emotions and my future!"

Thank you to the Year 10 leaders who took part: Naomi F, Emma I, Junia A, Jordi W, Alexandra L, Lina J, Isha S, Diya P, Tiana L, Thusana P, & Saja M! Students will receive their certificates at our Awards Ceremony on 26 November.





# College Report

## Alumni Story—Themis Tzelepis :

One of our former students Themis Tzelepis who left MPSC at the end of 2020, was approached by the Rayo Vallecano Football Team in Spain and offered a position last Saturday after completing training and trials. He has currently been signed for the third team but is very keen to one day play for the first team and is certain that his determination and drive will get him there.



## 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](mailto:mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au)



# College Report

## GET ACTIVE KIDS

# VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, along with uniforms and equipment essential for participation. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for a voucher your child / dependant must be:

- aged 4 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a current (at the time of your application) Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare card

You can apply for more than one voucher if you have more than one eligible child/dependant.

### FUNDING DETAILS

You can be reimbursed up to \$200 for costs related to:

- membership, registration or general fees to participate at an affiliated sport or active recreation club, association or program
- equipment (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- uniforms and clothing (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- You must pay for the membership, registration fees, equipment or uniform first

You must have incurred membership expenses within eligible expenditure dates to claim uniform and equipment expenses.

You will then be reimbursed for part or all of the cost up to the value of \$200.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- the activity or program must be affiliated to a Victorian Government recognised Victorian State Sporting Association or Victorian State Sport and Recreation Body
- activities or programs should be a minimum of four sessions
- organised sport or outdoor recreation programs or camps involving multiple sessions of activities which may be conducted over one or more days will be eligible

### WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

There are specific dates (claim periods) when you can apply. You must have incurred your expenses within specific dates too. Please refer to the table below:

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DATES	CLAIM PERIODS (applications open)
1 January 2021 - 11 April 2021	1 March 2021 - 11 April 2021 NOW CLOSED
1 January 2021 - 9 July 2021	31 May 2021 - 9 July 2021
9 July 2021 - 12 Nov 2021	4 Oct 2021 - 12 Nov 2021
12 Nov 2021 - 15 April 2022	7 March 2022 - 15 April 2022

### MORE INFORMATION

w. [www.getactive.vic.gov.au](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au)  
p. (03) 1800 325 206  
e. [getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au](mailto:getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au)



## 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](mailto:mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au)



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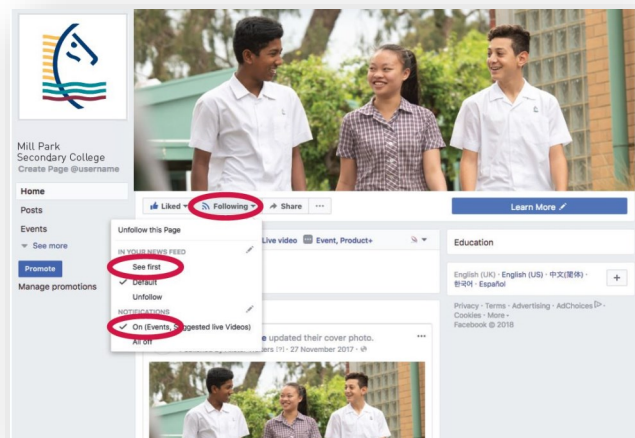
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## Student Wellbeing Leadership Group 2022

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- **Are you passionate about advocating for youth mental health and wellbeing?**
- **Do you want to create change in your community whilst engaging in your school?**

We are looking for TWO Student Wellbeing Ambassadors from EACH year level to form a Youth Wellbeing Leadership Group for 2022.

If you are interested in youth leadership, project planning, and being a voice for students at your school, we want to hear from you!

Meetings will be minimum once termly during lunchtime with lunch being catered.

If you would like more information, please email or speak with the Mental Health Practitioner at your campus.

Sarah Hull-Brown - Middle Years Campus  
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Stephanie Chee-Noguera - Senior Campus  
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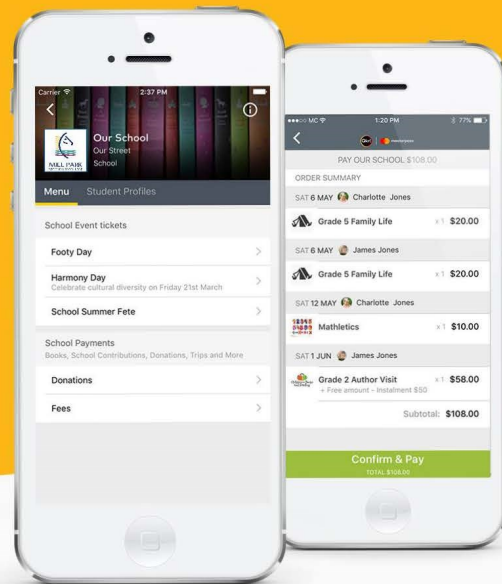
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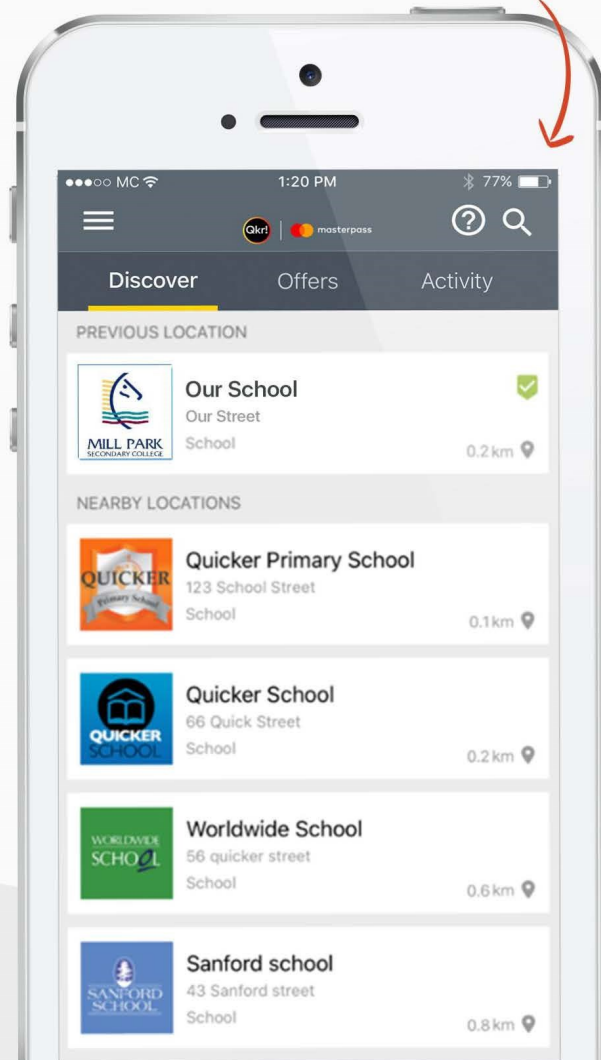
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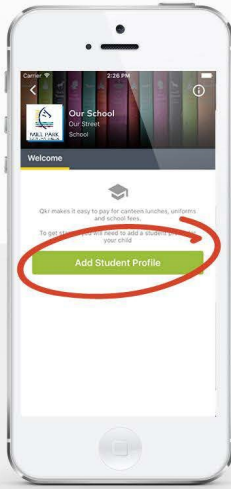




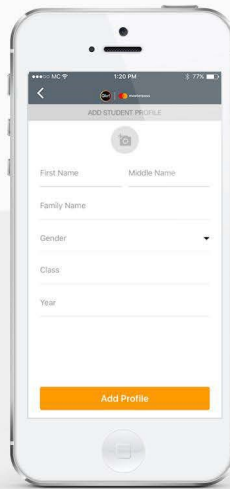
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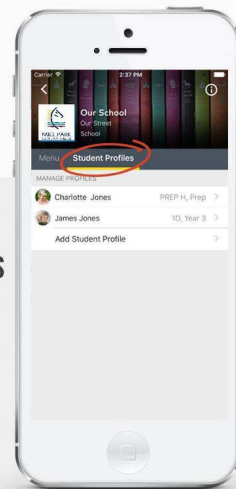
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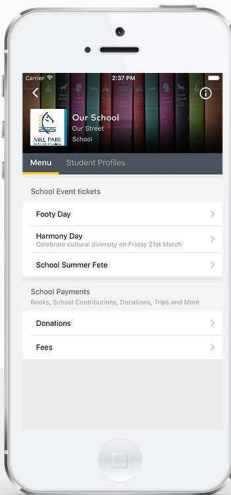


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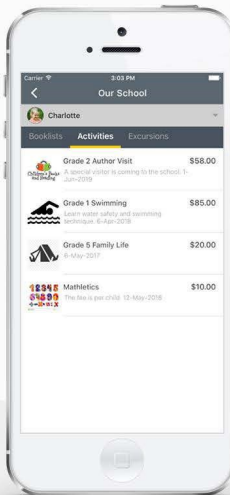


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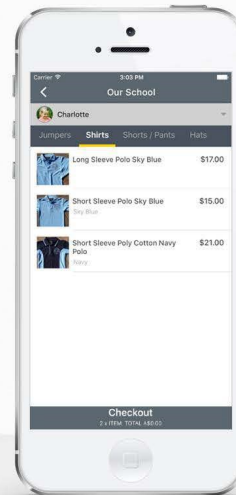
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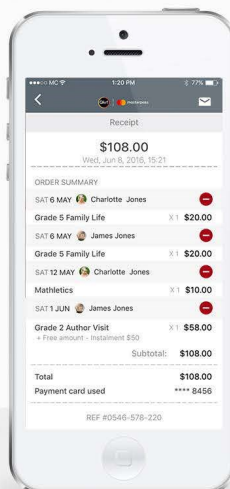
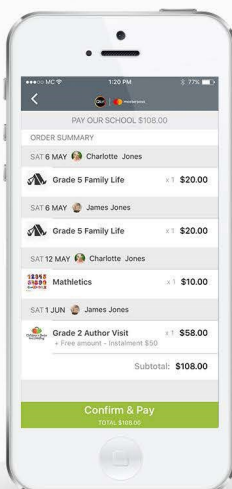
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