

College Principal's Report

"Better than normal"

A staff member commented in a meeting yesterday afternoon that he hoped that next year would prove to be 'better than normal.' It was a great comment because over the past 18 months we have often found ourselves thinking and saying that we are looking to get back to *normal life* or a *new COVID-19-normal*. However, I am sure that in any given year we would not be settling for normal, par for the course or the status quo. Instead, we would absolutely be aspiring to ensure that the coming weeks and months are as good as they can possibly be for our whole school community. There are a number of things going on here at the College which give me confidence that this is a realistic prospect as we move towards 2022:

During the week I have been able to welcome a large number of new families into the School Community at our Year 7 Transition sessions via Zoom. We can see the excitement and anticipation on their faces as their young people prepare to take the big step into life at Secondary School. It will be great to welcome all our Year 7 students for 2022 at our upcoming Orientation Day. Our Year 9 students are also preparing for a significant transition as they move into Year 10 and life at Senior Campus.

Next week Year 9 students will engage with a range of learning activities as part of City School. (Monday 29 - Tuesday 30 November: 9A, 9G, 9H, 9I / Wednesday 1 - Thursday 2 December: 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F) This is a great opportunity to get outside the four walls of the classroom and I am looking forward to hearing about the positive way that our students represented the College during this event.

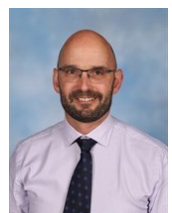
Beyond next week our Year 8 students will attend Camp together and students across Year 8 and 9 will engage with Activities Week before the traditional picnic and final day at Funfields in Whittlesea. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year at this point. Following this, normal scheduled classes will not be occurring, however, a program will be maintained here at school for students who attend up until 16 December when Semester Reports will be published to families.

Our Year 11 students have just returned from La Trobe University where they spent the day yesterday considering tertiary pathways and learning about University life. The feedback from teachers and students who attended the event, as well as from the team at La Trobe was very positive and we are very proud of the way that the students conducted themselves and engaged with the opportunities provided across the day. Well done! Our Year 11 students are now halfway through their Headstart program where they have commenced their 2022 classes. Next week they will be joined by our Year 10 students who will also undertake a week of their VCE program. We expect that they will continue to make the most of this opportunity as it sets them up for success as they move into next year.

Finally at Middle Years Campus today an initiative led by the SRC and Feminist Collective saw many of our students come dressed in pink and/or free dress. This was to raise funds and awareness around issue of 'period - poverty' and lack of access to sanitary items for women in our local, national and global community - the theme was 'Share the Dignity.' The day raised well over \$350. When added to funds raised by staff on this issue during Term 3 the total is close to \$1000 for the cause and importantly, it also helps to reduce any stigma associated with open discussion and action around this, and other issues associated with the health of women and girls. Well done everyone!

We are well and truly in a positive frame of mind as we move towards the end of November and I look forward to sharing more with you in the final edition of the college Newsletter near the end of the school year.

Tim Natoli
Acting College Principal





MY Campus Principal's Report

Guiding choices as the term draws closer to an end

It is not uncommon for students to feel as though some rules are optional as the end of a school year draws near. We appreciate the guidance that families offer at home and our remaining couple of weeks could be supported by conversations at home regarding the following:

- Encouraging students to express gratitude to classmates and teachers
- Reporting inappropriate behaviours in the yard to staff
- Continuing to wear uniform, wherever this is possible and having a note when it is not

In supporting student safety at school, please highlight at home that the following behaviours are not acceptable at school:

- Water fights/balloons- as other students often don't wish to be part of these activities, or expensive property (such as laptops) can be damaged.
- Vaping - this is a health risk for students and the act at school can lead others to feel unsafe.

Any student involved in these activities will face consequences at school. Reinforcing this at home may help to reduce the likelihood of involvement and general feeling of safety around the campus.

It is important to us that students finish the year as positively as possible and good choices, with positive intentions play a big part in this.

Year 9 City School

Students from Year 9 will be involved in activities on the following days:

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

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

It is important students are at South Morang train station before 8:30 am each day.

Classes will run at school for the homegroups not at city school.

Other key dates

Awards Ceremonies

With current COVID-19 restrictions, awards will be held in year level cohorts. Sadly there will not be invitations for family members this year, however we hope you all get to hear about the achievements of your child and their friends. The awards ceremonies will be conducted at the following times:

Year 9 - Friday 3 December, session 4. Year 9 students will be dismissed following the ceremony at 12:43pm

Year 8 - Friday 3 December, session 6.

Year 7 - Monday 6 December, session 6.

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 - 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.



Senior Campus Principal's Report

2021 classes at Senior Campus have now come to an end as we transition into 2022. Thanks to the hard work of our staff, we have now developed the timetable for 2022 and Year 11 students have moved up into their new Year 12 classes. This is a two-week program called 'Headstart' for Year 11 moving into Year 12 and a one-week program called Step Up for Year 10 moving into Year 11. This will give students and teachers the time to get to know each other, as well as set down the learning expectations for next year. Students will also begin their 2022 work, with the expectation that students complete some work over the Christmas break.

Year 10

Year 10 classes have now finished for the year and next week students will begin their Year 11 classes ready for 2022. This coming week Step Up will give current Year 10 students a good feel for what to expect in their Year 11 classes. VCE/VCAL/VET are all two-year courses, so it is important that students choose subjects in line with what they like, as well as what they need to achieve their end goal. The subjects they choose in Year 11 mostly remain the subjects they take in Year 12. This means that students need to plan their future pathway, making sure they are aware of prerequisite subjects for University or TAFE, or appropriate VET subjects for work placements. Attendance at Step Up is essential as students will also be given work to complete over the Christmas break, especially the reading of the English novel, *No Sugar*.

Year 10 Awards Assembly will be on Friday 3 December during Session 5, either outside the study centre if the weather is fine or in the school gym if it is wet.

Year 11

Year 11 students have now finished their Unit 1/2 classes after having a week of assessments culminating in formal exams for both English and Maths. They have now begun their 2022 Year 12 classes and both staff and students are excited.

As they now have their 2022 timetable, they have begun working on the Year 12 curriculum with their 2022 teachers. This will give them a good 'Headstart' into next year with the expectation that students will have some work to complete over the Christmas break. VCE English students should have read the play *Extinction* as well as the first novel, *Nine Days*, before they return to school. This week was broken up with an excursion to La Trobe University. Students were



taken on a tour of the campus, as well as attending presentations from some students completing their Masters and about Uni life. Year 11 Awards Assembly will be on Friday 3 December during session 3 & 4, either outside the study centre if the weather is fine or in the school gym if it is wet.





Senior Campus Principal's Report

Year 12

With exams finishing on Wednesday 17 November, the following day of Thursday 18 November was a time for Celebration. Year 12 students came to school dressed up in costume for a final farewell from the school and got to reminisce on their last six years of schooling. The year finishes off with the Year 12 formal on Friday 26 November and then the Year 12 Graduation will be held on Wednesday 15 December at Moonee Valley Racecourse where Year 12 students will receive their VCE or VCAL certificates. ATAR results, which have been delayed this year, come out the following morning.



College Report

Booklists

[Year 7 Booklist 2022](#)

[Year 8 Booklist 2022](#)

[Year 9 Booklist 2022](#)

[Year 10 Booklist 2022](#)

[VCE, VET & VCAL Booklist 2022](#)

Students involved in our SEAL program at Years 7-9 should use the links below to access their booklists, as they contain different resources. Please note that there is no separate booklist for SEAL students in Year 10:

[Year 7 SEAL Booklist 2022](#)

[Year 8 SEAL Booklist 2022](#)

[Year 9 SEAL Booklist 2022](#)

The booklists contain the required resources which will be used in each subject throughout the year. Each year our booklist is reviewed to ensure that each item listed is used in class to improve student learning.



We strongly encourage families to use our booklist supplier, Campion Education, as they are based locally in Thomastown and are able to supply all items listed on the booklist each year.

Parents can order their booklist items through an online ordering system or complete their order form and return it to the General Office. Booklist orders can be collected from the school on booklist day in January or you can purchase them directly at Campion Education's store in Thomastown.

You can find out more about our booklist supplier, Campion Education, by clicking this [link](#).



Edrolo

Students studying Unit 3/4 subjects will need to purchase Edrolo resources for some subjects, as listed on the booklist. This can be done by [activating your Edrolo account](#) with the code: fsc-hja

For more information about 2022 please see our [website](#).

Showcasing our Students

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is a showcase for Victorian students who attend government schools.

"It's been a huge part of my life for the past six years and I probably could have never imagined that I would be a part of such a large production when I was in primary school, but the environment is so professional and welcoming so it really allows people to thrive. I would definitely suggest for any performing artist to take that next step in their career by auditioning for the Victorian State School Spectacular. It's an amazing experience!"

Elizabeth Pardallis of Year 12



"The Victorian State Schools Spectacular was such a great experience for me for many different reasons. Going from choir to backing vocalists was definitely a learning curve for me. In choir I really learned to connect vocally with my peers around me and really learn to listen to our voices as a whole. We learned so much technically that by the end of the year, I learned how to read sheet music, which was incredible. Our mentors helped us along the way with any questions were truly amazing. Other than the vocalist side, the relationships you make throughout your years at State Schools Spectacular are just incredible. I've made some life-long friends and having that chemistry even on stage looks amazing!"

Hope Zorbas Year 9

College Report

The City of Whittlesea currently have School Crossing Supervisor positions available in the Epping and Lalor areas.

To be considered for this important job you need to:

- be medically fit
 - have your own transport
 - be of good character and relate well to children
 - be able to talk to children's parents and teachers
 - be available to work for 1.5 hours per day, generally between 8:00-9:00am and 3:00-4:00pm on weekdays during school terms
 - able to obtain and retain a Working with Children Check
- Have had the 1st dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine and 2nd dose before 26 November, 2021

We encourage anyone interested to submit an application via Council's website:

<https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/parking-roads-footpaths/road-safety/childrens-school-crossings/>

Please select the link called 'Apply to become a school crossing supervisor', fill out the form, then select 'Submit'.





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Step 3 Find our school

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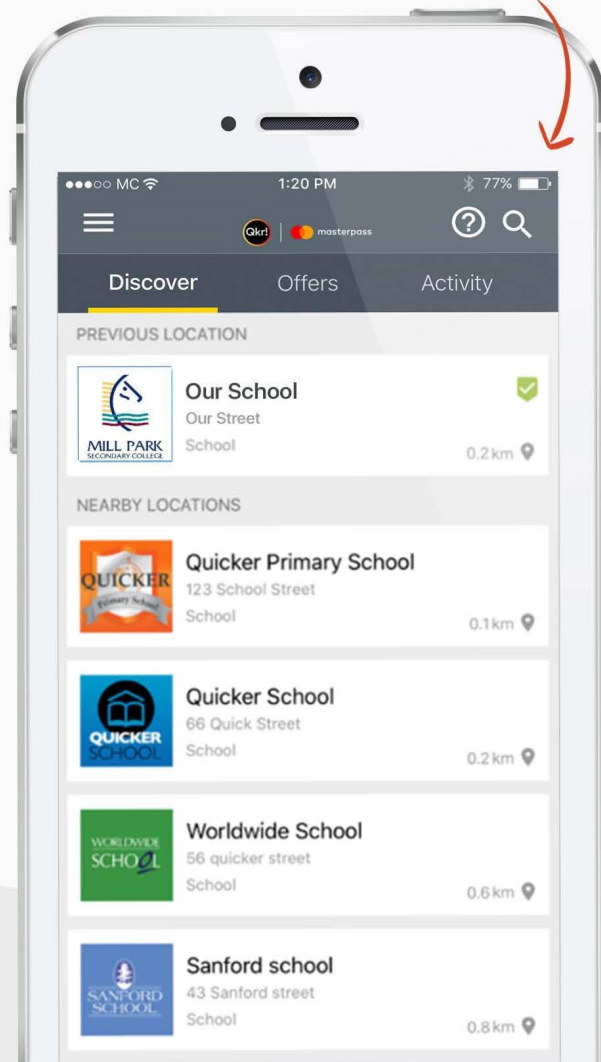
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When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

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

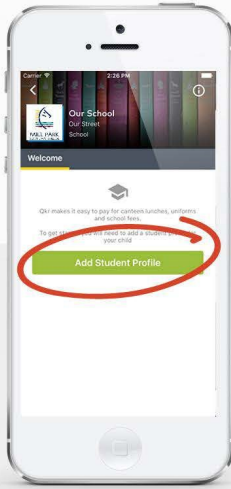




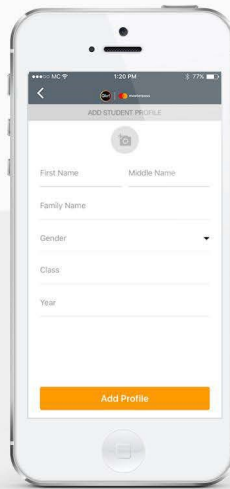
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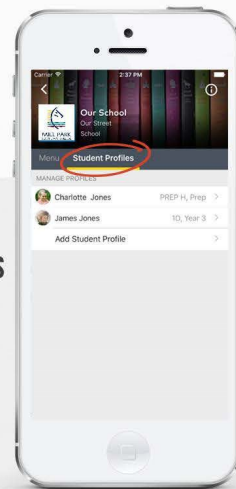
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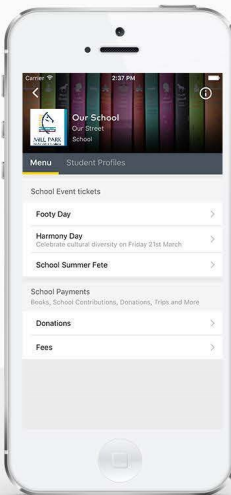


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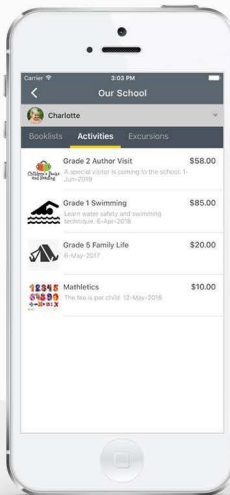


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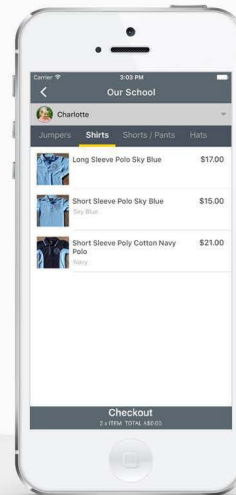


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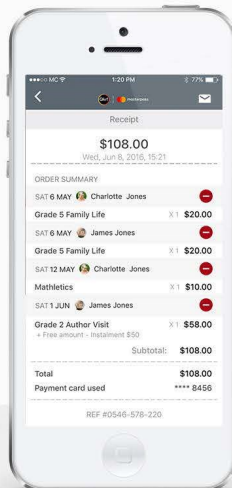
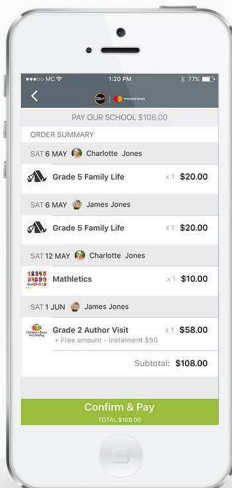
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