



New Admin Building

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### KEY DATES AND EVENTS

**Wednesday 27 October**  
VCAA Exams commence

**Thursday 28 October**  
5pm - 6pm School In Action

**Monday 1 November**  
MCC Holiday

**Tuesday 2 November**  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

**Tuesday 9 November**  
6pm-7.30pm 2022 Year 7 Information  
Night - Webinar

**Friday 12 November**  
VCAL Last Day

**Monday 15 November**  
Year 10 Exam Preparation week

**Monday 15 November**  
Year 11 Exams

**Please refer to email communications  
for more information  
and check calendar for updates**

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### The Earth is the Lord’s

Dear Parents,

Wednesday was our Year Twelve students’  
Celebration Day.

They dressed up in crazy clothes, did their hair in  
crazy ways. Their teachers were able to go a little  
bit crazy too. Then with their teachers, the  
students joined for a lunchtime meal; sharing not  
just KFC, but sharing stories and laughter,  
reflecting on the years they have spent together.

It’s fun. It’s great fun, and I feel particularly  
privileged that at our school, it’s always  
respectful fun.

What are our soon-to-be graduates celebrating?  
Oh, sure, they are celebrating the end of  
secondary school... but I attend these days, I join  
the fun, I watch them and while there is  
celebration of the end of their schooling, among  
the students the end of school is never their  
main celebration.

It is interesting, that every year amidst the  
students’ celebrations, they express a yearning,  
almost a lament, a sort of sorrow.

They can’t wait to leave, but they don’t want to  
leave. They can’t wait for it to end, but they don’t  
want it to end. They can’t wait to be free of us,  
but they don’t want to lose us. Shakespeare’s  
Juliet says it for them: “Parting is such sweet  
sorrow”.

We, their teachers and parents, understand this  
feeling. We’ve felt it ourselves, again and again  
this ‘sweet sorrow’. And the more life we have  
done, the more we have felt that collision of  
longings. We long to retain things the way they  
are, yet all the while longing for a new, fresh  
future.

Here is a remarkable statement from a  
remarkable Christian teacher: Saint Augustine.  
He was born around 400A.D. That is a long, long  
time ago and yet his statement will ring true with  
you today. He said, *“Thou hast made us for thyself,  
O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest  
in thee.”*

Aint that so!

My heart is definitely restless. I feel restless. There  
is restlessness somewhere deep inside my soul,  
or my heart or my spirit, or whatever name might  
be given to that elusive inner part of me. And I  
dare to say that you feel the same: restless. I dare  
to say that it is part of being human to feel this  
restlessness, this yearning for something beyond  
ourselves, this lingering sweet sorrow.

As a Christian school, we believe that these  
feelings are no accident. They are legacies of  
God in our lives. Our feelings are God-given  
metaphors that can, if we know how to read  
them, guide us to Christ our Lord. He allows us to  
feel restless, and He allows life to feel incomplete,  
because He knows that we can only become  
complete by resting in Him.

Our Year Twelve students want to leave, but don’t  
want to leave, because they love one another  
they love their school, and they love their  
teachers. Saint John says: *“Dear friends, let us love  
one another, for love comes from God. Everyone  
who loves has been born of God and knows God.”*

Yours sincerely,

**David Gleeson**  
**Principal**

### WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!  
**Psalms 133:1(NIV)**



Community

PRIMARY UPDATE

It was so wonderful being able to welcome our Prep children back onsite at the start of this week. We look forward to being able to do the same with our Years 1 and 2 students on Thursday and our Years 5 and 6 students on Friday.

The guidelines for returning to school do seem confusing, and I don't think there is any harm in reinforcing these dates with you again now. This includes the small change that came into effect for our Years 5 and 6 students:

**Week 3 (commencing Monday 18 October)**

- Prep students onsite Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (remote learning Thursday and Friday)
- Years 1 and 2 students onsite Thursday and Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Years 3 to 4 continue with remote learning
- Years 5 and 6 students onsite Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

**Week 4 (commencing Monday 25 October) and Week 5 (commencing Wednesday 3 November due to no school on Monday and**

**Tuesday)**

- Prep onsite Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (remote learning Thursday and Friday)
- Years 1 and 2 onsite Thursday and Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Years 3 and 4 onsite Tuesday and Wednesday (remote learning Monday, Thursday and Friday)
- Years 5 and 6 onsite Thursday and Friday (remote learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

It is also important for you to note the following information:

- Hats are now compulsory for all students
- Full summer uniform is to be worn and full PE uniform on sport days
- The canteen will be open from Monday 25 October
- Children will be dismissed from various departure points during the next three staggered weeks (changes from week six onwards will be communicated to you):
  - o Prep – picked up from the Prep

playground gates

- o Years 1 and 2 – from the Prep playground gates
- o Year 3 – from the external doors of their classroom
- o Year 4 – from the basketball court gate
- o Years 5 and 6 – from the basketball court gates
- o Essential workers children will continue to be picked up at the central gate
- Help us to stay Covid safe by:
  - o Wear masks when collecting your child/ren
  - o Leave the college grounds as soon as you have your child/ren
  - o Remain 1.5m from other parents when collecting your child/ren
  - o Remain in your car until you see the children come out

We will continue to communicate and update you on any changes as we are made aware of them.

**Jodie Vamplew**  
**Head of Primary**



Year 12 Celebration Day

SECONDARY UPDATE

We are all looking forward to the return of onsite learning. I've said this before, but the College isn't the same without the buzz of activity that the students bring!

Because the government is staggering the return of students I have listed each year level's starting date below for clarity:

- Year 7 (Monday to Friday, starting Friday 22 October)
- Years 8 and 9 (Tuesday and Wednesday, starting Tuesday 26 October)
- Year 10 (Thursday and Friday, starting Friday 22 October)
- Year 11 (Monday to Friday, starting Friday 22 October)
- Year 12 (Have the opportunity to come in to study with their teachers during their subject session time until their respective exams)

Upon returning to onsite classes, it is essential that we all continue to exercise our established and well-practiced College safety protocols to ensure the continued safety of students and staff. Please remember the following:

- Students must wear a facemask for the entire time they are onsite (with an exception during the times they are eating and drinking).
- Students must keep the social distancing recommendations of the government of 1.5m from each other. Students must not make physical contact with others, such as hugs, shaking hands, sitting too close or general play, etc.
- If a student is a primary close contact (PCC) they are asked to isolate until they clear a Day 13 test. The only exception is a Year 12 student who has a scheduled VCAA exam. A PCC who is a Year 12 student who needs to complete a VCAA exam will be permitted onsite only for the duration of that exam and must also notify the College as soon as they know they are a PCC.

- All the other protocols that we have followed over the course of the year remain in place, including: staying home if exhibiting flu-like symptoms, using hand sanitiser upon entering classrooms and keeping corridors clear.
- There will be a staggered dismissal time for secondary students; this is designed to keep year levels as separated as possible when they exit the College. Once dismissed students should promptly exit the college and avoid staying onsite or at the front of the College where possible.
  - o Years 7 to 9 will continue to be dismissed at 3:30pm
  - o Years 10 to 11 will be dismissed at the earlier time of 3:20pm

Finally, the Canteen will reopen for lunch orders only on Monday October 25, 2021.

**Derek Bendall**  
**Head of Secondary**



SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING & LEARNING

**“We hope, as the MCC Graduates of 2021, that we leave a new legacy of kindness, friendship, and, most importantly, willingness to try during our years at our school.”**

The following excerpts are from College Captain Sneha’s speech to her peers and teachers during this week’s Year 12s Celebration Day festivities. Sneha’s tribute reflects on the growth journey she and her peers have collectively walked during their time at the College, and how they’ve been shaped by their MCC experience.

*“Do you remember that fresh bunch of Year 9s walking into the J-Building for the very first time? We were gazing up into the faces of senior students that seemed to have sorted out their lives. We were so eager to start our senior years at school and to become adults who could sort out their issues. And then, we experienced the*

*realities of being in senior years. Those new rules, challenging assessments, and, of course, the stress unlike anything we had experienced before. From Macbeth to Ransom; from Rabbit-proof Fence to The Queen; from bound references to practical reports, and everything in between: the journey to graduation was a long one...”*  
*“Dear teachers... you have had to endure many complaints about our homework, the desire for Kahoots and games (instead of actual work), and many requests to repeat the question due to us not listening. Thank you for always putting up with our teenage ways. And just so you know, we still love you even though you constantly interrupt the conversations we are having with our friends during your lesson...! Jokes aside, dear teachers, we cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for us. We can proudly say our teachers have taught us all to challenge the world outside these walls of our classrooms. You could have done anything with your lives,*

*but you chose to educate us.”*  
*“... We can proudly say that we had the best Principal. Thank you so much for making sure that each and every student at MCC has a safe and happy environment. We are very blessed to have people that are kind like you.”*  
*“Thank you so much, MCC, for making us who we are today...we pray that you freshly encounter God’s love and mercy throughout your lives and create a connected and overwhelming relationship with Him.”*  
*And to my Year 12s...I leave you with this: Some of us may be truly scared of the emotions we face when saying goodbye to our friends, teachers, and our perfectly structured timetables. The future is daunting. It is the unknown. However, we need to realise that this is not the end. It’s merely the opening credits.”*

**Kristie Barber**  
**Head of Teaching & Learning**



Year 12 Celebration Day

THE AUSTRALIAN POETRY SLAM

The Australian Poetry Slam is a national live literary performance program. Writers across the nation compete in over 60 slams to perform for a chance to make it to the National Final, hosted in Sydney Opera House. In past years, the grand prize has been a free international tour around performing arts festivals around the world. This year, due to lockdown, the prize includes paid gigs, professional mentoring and a whopping

\$10,000 cash prize. This poem, nominated for the Victorian State Final, was written by Harpreet, one of our year 9 students. It is a commentary on survivors of sexual abuse. This is a short excerpt of Harpreet’s poem:

*The pain of the past can’t be shrivelled away  
Attitudes of society can’t just sway  
I’m not asking for my pain to be relieved*

*I just want to be believed  
I want people to see me as a human rather than  
taking a glance at me and deciding that I now  
identify as an object  
That dignity shouldn’t be thrown lower than the  
ground itself  
That victims aren’t survivors because they aren’t  
talking about their experiences*

**Harpreet 9B**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Year 7 2022 Information Night

If your child is attending Year 7 at MCC next year, you are invited to attend our information night on Tuesday, November 9. Due to covid restrictions, this year's information night will be conducted online and will cover important topics such as 2022 subjects, booklists, orientation day and camp. It is expected your child also attends. The night will start at 6.30pm and will aim to conclude by 7.30pm. For further information, please contact Mr Ibrahim at [bibrahim@mcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:bibrahim@mcc.vic.edu.au).

### Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care service is open and operating for those that need care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs. It's FREE to register (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at **[pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login)**. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via the Parent Portal. Visit the blog: <https://campaustralia.com.au/blog>

### Reusable Face Masks Available

Ultra-comfort, reusable face masks available for purchase from Reception.  
With adjustable nose bar and ear loops to reduce fogging and for a perfect fit, these soft-to-touch cotton face masks have odour control to keep your face fresh, dry and odour free. ANTI-MICROBIAL FINISH TEXPEL MICRO™ kills 99.9% of bacteria.

One size fits most. Available in black or navy for \$4.50

Let's do the right thing for our environment and reduce waste.

Avoid single use and go reusable!

### Genesis Music School Online Music Lessons

Want to learn how to play an instrument?

Sign up now! Call: 0421 426 674 for all enquiries

Erol: [genesismusicschool.com.au](https://genesismusicschool.com.au) <https://genesismusicschool.com.au/enrolment.php>

Learn at your own pace and improve your skills in playing various instruments under the guidance of our expert musicians.

### Primary COVID Guidelines for Term 4

Children in Years 3 to 6 will be required to wear masks indoors at school.

The CHO strongly recommends masks for children in Years Prep to 2.

### Canteen News

The Canteen will not be available for breakfast for the remainder of the year.

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### Uniform Shop (Located in the College Auditorium)

The Uniform shop is closed due to current restrictions.

Online orders and phone orders are available.

Regular hours will commence when restrictions have been eased.

Orders can be placed at the Uniform Shop or via email with an order form on the College website.

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### Melton Christian College is a ministry of Melton Christian Church

For information on service times, go to:  
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