

**THE MOUNT ERIN
COLLEGE CATCH UP**

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Welcome to Our School Newsletter



Term 1 is always filled with new beginnings, new friendships, new goals and new opportunities.

It's a time for setting the tone for the year and building positive routines that support learning and wellbeing.

A special welcome to our new students and families joining our community this year. We are so pleased to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you.

Throughout this term, there will be many opportunities for students to get involved, from leadership initiatives and lunchtime clubs to whole-school events like the swimming carnival!

We'd love to see everyone jump in, give something new a go! Wishing you all a wonderful start to Term 1!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COMING UP:

5th March - Parent Teacher Interviews

9th March - Labour Day Public Holiday

11th March - NAPLAN Starts

13th March - Swimming Carnival

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MOUNT ERIN

SWIMMING

13TH MARCH 2026

COME SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE!

COSTUME COMPETITION
SPIKEBALL & CORNHOLE
KARAOKE
AND LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!

CARNIVAL

COME JOIN THE FUN!

MOONLIT SANCTUARY

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7-14 **Registration Fee \$104**
9:00am-2:00pm

Become a Junior Keeper for a Day and experience life behind the scenes at Moonlit Sanctuary.

- Meet and feed our amazing Aussie animals
- Help with real-life wildlife care
- Learn about conservation and animal behaviour
- Get hands-on with enrichment activities, animal diets and more

Unplug the devices and send your junior explorer off for an unforgettable day with real keepers, real animals, and real adventures.

 **Moonlit Sanctuary**
the best way to see Aussie animals








OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

Start times for each tour, including Principal's Address:
5pm & 5.45pm
(Auslan Interpreter available for 5pm tour)

Discover how we use expected behaviours and routines to promote an orderly learning environment, where our dedicated teachers can implement the most effective teaching strategies to help our students achieve their best.

SCAN ME



Register using the QR code or
<https://forms.gle/L6JpXS8mn8riEUvB9>





MECspotlight



Let's shine the light on students who deserve a shoutout for an achievement! Whether it's in school or outside, we want to celebrate our students!

If you know of someone who deserves to shine a little for something great, then email our account mecspotlight@mounterin.vic.edu.au and check out our socials!

Congratulations To New SBAT Student

Congratulations to Jackson, who signed up and commenced his Head Start school-based apprenticeships (SBAT) with employer Conic Electrical this February.

He is now completing his Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician.

The Head Start program will support Jackson as he embarks on his SBAT journey, commencing his qualification certificate, attending work with his employer and also working towards completing his VCE VM studies at school.

Faith Kisby, Head Start Coordinator, and the Head Start team, wish Jackson all the best as he pursues his chosen career pathway.



- Faith Kisby (Head Start Coordinator)

For further information about the Head Start program, please see the website and short video:

<http://www.vic.gov.au/headstart> About Head Start – 3 minute video

RISE Camp 2025

Last year, our student Gaby took a great opportunity to attend RISE (Residential Indigenous Science Experience) at Melbourne University, to meet with like-minded Indigenous students and connect with scientists to delve into the incredible innovations, inventions, and knowledge of Australia's First Peoples, highlighting the connection between Indigenous wisdom and STEM in today's world.

From Gabby

The camp was amazing.

At first, I was incredibly nervous and had low expectations on how fun this camp would be. I was surprised to see the workshops and stem subjects were all very interesting, engaging and fun.

I made a couple of friends by the end of the camp and was upset to see them go as they live in the Northern Territory but I have their socials so staying connected is not a problem.

The food was pretty good and we were served breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner every day.

We did 2-4 workshops a day so we had to start the day pretty early at 7:00am. We each had our own dorm rooms so it really did feel like I was a Uni student for a week. It was a great experience overall and I am so grateful I had that opportunity.



Reopening the Weights Room

On the 18th of February, after many requests from the students, we opened the Weights room for use at lunchtime.

On the first day of opening, we had 22 students utilising rowing machines, leg presses and barbells.

It's a great way for students to learn about technique and practice, and burn energy between classes!



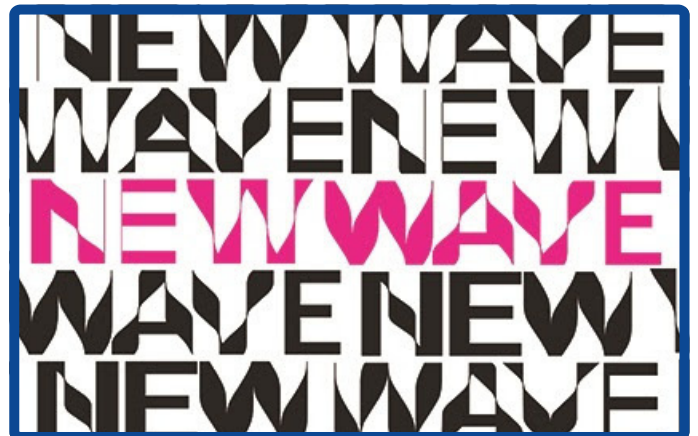
First time opening the weights room

New Wave Student Exhibition

Come along to see our Alumni students, Polina, Kseniia and Bailiss represented in New Wave!

When: 28 February – 31 May 2026

Where: Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery



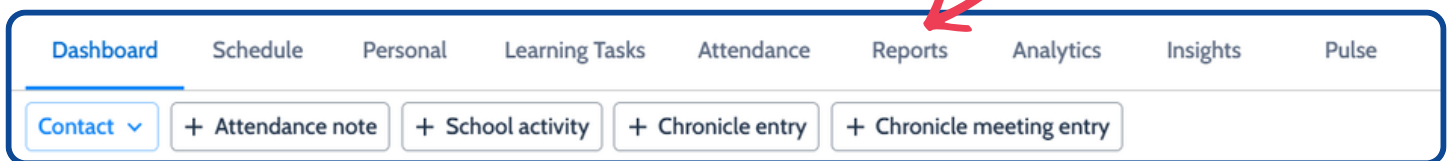
After five years of MPRG supporting creative voices from VCE and VCE VET students, comes an exhibition full of visual art, media, fashion and design. Come along and look out for our students work.

Parent & Student Resources

At Mount Erin College, we report on student work habits and attendance each term.

Term 1 Progress Reports will be available for families to read on the **27th of March** via Compass.

You can find it on your students' home page, under the reports tab. Clicking on '2026 – Term 1 Progress Reports 2026' will download a PDF of the report.



The work habits that students are assessed on are as follows:

- Learning Behaviour – Students are able to take responsibility and act respectfully. They build a positive environment for peers, the teacher, and themselves.
- Preparedness for Learning – Students come into the classroom on time and prepared to learn, with equipment and a charged laptop.
- Responsibility for Learning – Students take responsibility for their own learning by seeking assistance, completing work, and seeking feedback.
- Learning Progress – Students can show evidence of an improved understanding of the knowledge and skills being taught.

With Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews this week, we encourage students to reflect on their work habits, communicate with their teachers, and look for ways to display their personal best in the lead up to their reports being released.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of the reports, please reach out to their individual subject teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding a student's reports, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Disegna (nicola.disegna@mounterin.vic.edu.au).

Everybody Cut Footloose

After a very successful Bunnings Barbeque, and a huge production, and a cast announcement, **MEC's Footloose** is underway!

It's been a bustling few weeks with the production crew, as they have set about casting, planning and vision-board-gathering for this year's musical.

With a stellar cast and crew, a sparkly new Instagram account (shameless promo) and our cowboy boots, we are ready to enter the tight-knit town where dancing ain't allowed!



The Gallery

In Year 11 and 12 VCE Art students work around themes that guide their practical investigations.

These are some of the first images from their folios in 2026. Each student begins with a cover page and a brainstorm around their chosen theme.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

THOSE OLD SAYINGS OF 83



Mr. Mallia (Don't give me that rubbish)
Mr. Richards (Pencils down)
Mr. Bromell (Boris)
Mr. Martin (I may sound old fashioned but....)
Mr. Mallia (You're late son)
Mr. Ellingsen (My group forward!)
Mr. Banks (The talking rule is in, Scott)
Mr. Cookson (I smell Bubble Gum)
Mr. Grover (Shut up) (Alright)
Mr. Hull (What's your name squire?)
Miss Foster (Right you rotten miserable lot)
Miss Thuraisingham (Keep your mouth shut tight)
Mr. Roberts (Dry up and pipe down)
Mr. Bryen (My cat can do that better)
Mr. Crook (ummmm, leg, ear, nose)
Mr. George (I smell smoke)
Mrs. Smith (Quieten down the noise, or I won't hear the bell)
Miss Stipanov (That's no good) (Be quiet)
Mr. Brittain (Stop work) (Step outside)
Mr. Grey (Good morning gentlemen)
Mr. Darnett (Come 'ere Secil)



SONGS TO REMEMBER

SAFETY DANCE - Mr. Martin
WE'RE COMING TO GET YOU - Mr. Sorrell
PUTTING ON THE RITZ - Mr. Hull
WHEREVER I LAY MY HAT - Mr. Ellingsen
GARDEN PARTY - Mr. Darnett
I DON'T WANNA DANCE - Mrs. Garner
WORDS - Mr. George
MOONLIGHT SHADOW - Miss Thuraisingham
SHE WORKS HARD FOR THE MONEY - Mr. James
BUSINESS AS USUAL - Mr. Martin
FLICK OF THE SWITCH - Mr. Kuno
KILLER ON THE RAMPAGE - Mr. Crook

The teachers of 1983 (that's 43 years ago!) were remembering their old sayings and telling students what songs would be sticking around!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

As we wrap up our first edition for 2026, thank you for being such a valued part of our school community.

We're proud of the effort, resilience and kindness shown across the school, and we're looking forward to everything still to come this term, and for the rest of the year!

See you in the next edition towards the end of Term 1!