



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS,

It is great to have all our students back on site after such a long time. There have been lots of happy, smiling eyes as we get back into a new sort of normal. I have been really impressed with how students have adjusted to wearing face masks, using the sanitiser and trying to keep social distance. We are also really happy that the number of reported cases has remained at zero and hope it can stay there.

The Department of Education and training has three major priorities for schools in Term Four:

PRIORITY 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our highest priority is the mental health, safety and wellbeing of every student and member of staff. All available resources will need to be effectively mobilised to ensure support for every student, including our most vulnerable. This means encouraging and sustaining motivation for learning and supporting the development of personal and social capabilities of students as part of the curriculum. It includes re-engaging students and families where needed. This also means ensuring support for our school staff, who have sustained efforts through multiple transitions in modes of teaching and learning delivery.

PRIORITY 2 – LEARNING

Some students have been able to more quickly progress in their learning in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their rate of progress, and some have, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers, fallen behind. Our priority will be to ensure those who have fallen behind can catch up and those who have progressed significantly can continue to be extended and stretched in their learning.

PRIORITY 3 – TRANSITIONS

Term Four is a critical period, particularly for the children moving from Grade 6 into Year 7, and those in Year 12 moving into employment or further education and training. A key focus of Term Four will be to make every effort to ensure each of these end-of-year and beginning-of-year transitions occurs as successfully as possible.

Prior to students return to school, there was a great deal of **PLANNING** to ensure they could settle in well and felt supported to get back into good routines. Our wellbeing teams have been busy and Dexter our therapy dog has been very popular, especially with those students who have been quite anxious

about returning to school. Staff have done an amazing job making their 'Welcome back' video clip. It was such fun and came from the heart. They are truly happy to have the students back. Schools are busy, bustling places, with so much human interaction at all points in the day. Working remotely was not the preferred way to work for any of us. I congratulate everyone on their efforts to have a positive return.

CLASSES are also getting back into the swing of things and lots of great work is getting done. In coming weeks, there will be some assessments conducted by teachers, so we can see what, if any, extra assistance students may need. In 2021, significant support has been allocated to schools as part of the Government initiative: 'The Tutoring Program' which will get underway in 2021. We will be looking at how we can utilise this additional staffing to best effect. The aim is to make sure we are picking up students who have slipped behind or have gaps in their learning due to the difficult learning circumstances we have experienced over this year. It is a fantastic opportunity for schools to really meet the learning needs of its students.

Our wonderful **YEAR 12 STUDENTS** finished their official studies last week and we went to great lengths to celebrate their time at the College.



Our normal whole school assembly could not be run this year, which was very disappointing, however, creative minds in the senior school set to work. Our Year 12s were given the biggest guard of honour as they walked through the school. They were cheered and applauded by every class from Year 7 to Year 11, with a photo journey showing their growth from Year 7 to Year 12 on every surface available – windows, doors, lockers – it was a great tribute to them. We had a lovely (small and socially distanced) ceremony for them on the Hockey Ground where they were congratulated by the Senior School team and received certificates of recognition. The VCE students began their intensive revision period and started their final exams this week (Tuesday 10th November). We wish them the very best and know they have worked hard in the most challenging of circumstances.

We are in the process of **STAFFING FOR 2021**, interviewing for new positions and setting plans for key dates and events next year. One thing I will be seeking your feedback on is the Student Parent Teacher Interviews that were conducted online this year. There were a lot of positive comments made at the time and we'd like to get your views on whether we keep to an on-line model or revert to face to face meetings. You will be sent a link to a Google Doc next week via Compass, where you can give your thoughts on how it worked for you. I'd appreciate your input into the decision for next year.

RETIREMENT

Finally, I would like to let you know that I will be taking Long Service Leave in Term One next year and will then retire. This means that I will finish as Principal of Mount Erin College at the end of 2020. I have had a long and rewarding career in education, with only a few years away from teaching when my family was young. I feel very fortunate to have worked in a career that I have loved. I have always enjoyed working with young people and have had a strong commitment to State education over that time. I feel very privileged to have ended my career at Mount Erin. What a great school we have! After 12 years at Mount Erin College, I am confident I am leaving at a time when the College is in a very strong position. Our school is welcoming, inclusive and open to all. Our enrolments continue to rise, our wide range of programs are recognised and well supported in the community. Our academic results are strong and the staff are highly professional, providing outstanding teaching and support to students across the year levels. Our buildings, sporting facilities and grounds are exceptional, and the financial position of the College is the best it has ever been. The school is held in high regard in the community, with strong partnerships in place providing opportunities for our students. I particularly acknowledge the Village Baxter and Peninsula Health for their commitment to the College over many years. The partnerships we have built with tertiary institutions such as Monash, Melbourne, La Trobe, RMIT and Swinburne Universities, mean that our students have had opportunities to access a wide range of courses and pathways. I am very proud of the fact that the majority of our students complete Year 12 and leave school to take up further study, training or employment - very successful outcomes for our young people.

I **CONGRATULATE** Jarrod Main, who will step into the Acting Principal position in Term One. The substantive position will be advertised state-wide in the new year. I look back with great pride at what has been achieved over the 12 years I have been here and am confident the school will continue to provide an outstanding education to the young people who come here. I am very grateful to the staff, families and members of the College Board for their support over the years. In the meantime, there is still much to be done and I will continue to work to ensure that everything is in place for a successful 2021.

Karen Lee
PRINCIPAL

2021 SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

Any student who is planning to use the school bus service in 2021, **MUST** submit a completed application form to the Front Office by: **Friday 27th November**. Students will not be permitted to travel without it.

All current bus travellers should have received an application form, however they are also available for download on the College website. <https://mounterin.vic.edu.au/parent-information/bus/>

Please see **Mr Kenyon** or contact the **Front Office** if you have any questions.

Important Note: Late applications could delay your bus use for a couple of weeks at the start of next year.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES **TERM 4, 2020**

WEEK 7

16th Nov (M) – DAL Testing Begins Y7 - 10

WEEK 8

23rd Nov (M) – Exam Week (Y11)

WEEK 10

7th - 11th Dec (M) – ASPIRE Week

8th Dec (T) – Orientation Day

WEEK 11

14th – 17th Dec (M-Th) – End of Year Activities Program (Y7-9)

18th Dec (F) – Last Day 2020 (Staff Only)

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11/11

Mount Erin would like to pay our respects to those who have served our country during wartime. This includes not only soldiers but also nurses, civilians and service animals, as represented by our school dog Dexter. Our thoughts are also with our war veterans and war veteran dependants at RSL Park (Vasey) who we haven't been able to visit during lockdown.



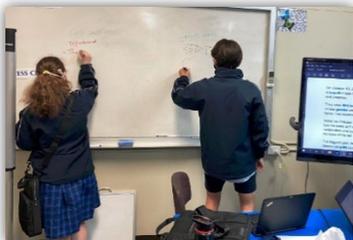
LEST WE FORGET

DEAF EDUCATION CENTRE (DEC)

It's fantastic to see everyone back onsite and learning in a real classroom environment again. Congratulations to all students, we successfully made it through our online learning time.

Here's what's been happening since we have been back at school.

Y7 CLASSES



VCE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING



VCE ART INSTALLATIONS

VISITING TEACHERS OF THE DEAF

Our Visiting Teachers of the Deaf are returning onsite. If you would like more information please contact Cara.

CLASS OF 2020 – GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Monday 26th October, we joined in the celebration of our graduating Class of 2020. It was a great day. The Y12 students took a walk through the years with a lap of the College grounds. All students lined the way to wish them well and they saw their past school photos displayed on the walls and lockers. So many mixed emotions and memories. We then saw them collect their certificates in a socially distanced, and very windy, ceremony.



Emma and Rathmony, we are all so proud of you and we want to say goodbye and good luck. We wish you well for your exams and future studies.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

DEC STAFF Cara, Sarah, Kathryn, Anne



GIVE HOPE - CHRISTMAS HOPE!
TO A FAMILY IN YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS

2020 CHRISTMAS HOPE APPEAL

Help us, help families in need
100% of donations go to supporting your local community

DONATE \$20/ \$50/ \$100
(OR ANY AMOUNT)
TOWARDS A CHRISTMAS GROCERY VOUCHER

Direct deposit to: New Peninsula Community Caring Inc.
BSB: 063 539 Acc: 1031 4088 Description: 'Hope'

Donation enquiries: Linda@newpeninsula.com.au
Admin enquiries: Kirsty@newpeninsula.com.au
NPCCI, 370 Craigie Rd, Mt Martha, 3934 Ph: 03 5973 8888

Every year, New Peninsula Community Caring Inc. donate vouchers to our Students Services Team. These are given to Mount Erin families who may need some extra support at Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we would like to say a very big
THANK YOU!

TALK-AND-WALK-A-THON

Mount Erin College will be hosting the Talk-and-Walk-a-thon as a weekly lunch time activity in support of Mental Health.

It is important that our children feel safe, connected and supported at school and within the wider community. The Talk-and-Walk-a-thon has been designed to strengthen this feeling of connection and sense of belonging, allowing students to get to know other students at school.

Students will be invited to stretch their legs and talk about topics ranging from their favourite music, food, movies, sports and more. These topics will encourage peer engagement, help strengthen bonds and allow students to feel connected with people they see every day but may not necessarily know.

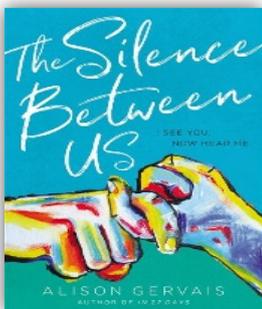
**STARTING SOON.
SEE YOU THERE!**



NEW IN THE LIBRARY

The Silence Between Us

By [Alison Gervais](#)



Deaf teen Maya Harris must navigate a new life - and love - in this own-voices novel from award-winning author Alison Gervais. When Maya is forced to attend a hearing school, she sets out to prove that her lack of hearing won't stop her from chasing her dreams.

Reviews

Gervais deftly renders both the nuanced, everyday realities of life with disability and Maya's fierce pride in her Deafness, delivering a vibrant story that will resonate with Deaf and hearing audiences alike.

Author Biography

Alison Gervais began writing at the age of five and gained recognition by posting her work on Wattpad in 2011. She graduated from Colorado State University - Pueblo with a degree in English and published her first novel, *In 27 Days*, in 2017. Alison is still figuring out what else she'd like to do in life, but as for now, she plans to keep rereading Harry Potter, watching *Supernatural* and *Law and Order: SVU*, and enjoying life with her husband, their two cats Jane and Smoke, and their German Shepherd, Luna.



Calling All Volunteers

Are you a parent of a young teenager?

Would you like to be ready to teach them to drive when they are 16?

Have you taught your children to drive and enjoyed the experience so much you'd like to do it again?

The Frankston TAC L2P Program is looking for enthusiastic people who can commit 1-2 hours a week to help a learner driver to get their licence.

The TAC L2P Program helps young learner drivers who don't have a supervising driver or a vehicle and help them complete the 120 hours of driving experience they'll need before taking their licence test.

A driver licence opens up new opportunities for education and employment. As a volunteer mentor you'll contribute to your community by helping a young person take their next steps toward independence.

The TAC L2P Program is managed by the Department of Transport and delivered by community organisations across Victoria, who will work with you to:

- Match you with a learner driver
- Provide you and the learner with regular access to a learner-friendly car
- Arrange a program induction, coaching on best-practice driving supervision and the support of program coordinator in your local area.

Volunteer Mentor Requirements

- Be over 21 years of age with an interest in helping young people
- Hold a full, current Victorian driver's licence
- Undertake a screening process by your local TAC L2P Program

If this opportunity appeals to you and you are able to commit an hour or two a week, please contact the L2P Coordinator or visit the website.

The Frankston TAC L2P Program is funded by the TAC and local sponsors Lions Club of Frankston, VACC Auto Apprenticeships, Brotherhood of St Laurence, and Rotary Frankston Peninsula 2.0, and is managed by the Department of Transport and Frankston City Council.

Contact Us

For further information or to lodge an application contact:

Frankston TAC L2P Coordinator:

Phone: 1300 322 322

Email: L2P@frankston.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/L2P>

MUSIC CONCERT 2020

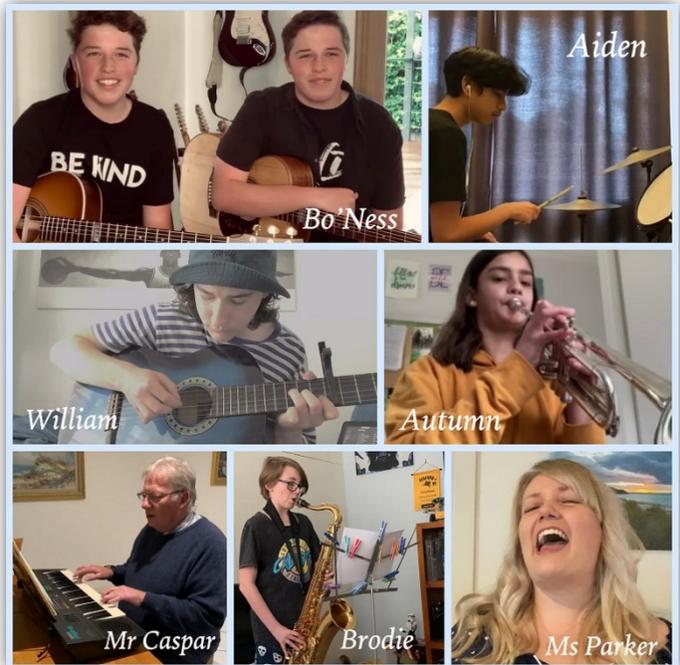
Congratulations to our talented musicians who performed in the virtual music concert on Facebook! Thank you to everyone who supported our students by watching, commenting or 'liking' their performances. It was wonderful to see a full range of musical genres, instruments, vocals and musical abilities during the five day event.



Thank you to Mary Whelan, Maggie Doyle, Troy Wilson, Alison Bellew, Paul Armit, Laura Main, Michael Catanach, Jenny Pudney, Sarah Parker and Michael Caspar for your assistance in the preparation and presentation of the concert.



Congratulations again to our students on their amazing performances: Callum and Jackson McP (Bo'ness), Alia P, Charlotte B, Eliza W, Issey H, Phoebe W, Ayla J, Brodie T, Autumn S, Aiden B, David D, Haley W, William F, Harry F.



*** MUSIC REMINDER ***

A friendly reminder that Music Tuition application forms and payment are due **20th November**, to secure your place in the music program for 2021. You will find these forms on the College website under 'enrichment'- music-application form.



Jenny found a strange sum written on a piece of paper:
 $EGG + EGG = PAGE$
 Each letter represents a different digit, so G might represent 3, or P might be 1.

Can you work out what the sum really is?

Solution: Next Page

Beleza SCHOOL UNIFORMS

2020 VIP SALE

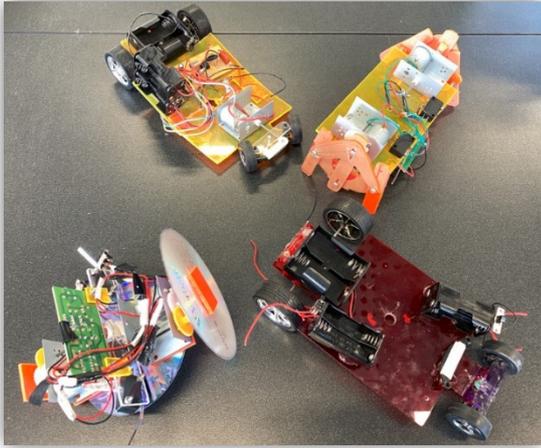
10% OFF*

Monday 2 Nov - Thursday 17 Dec 2020

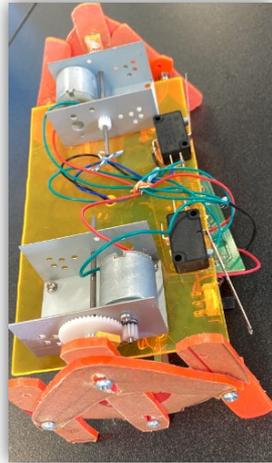
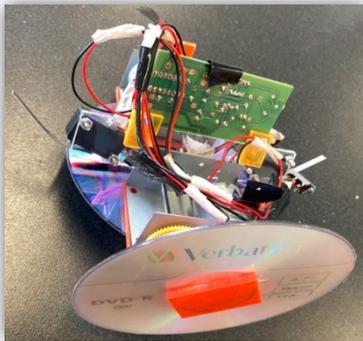
Available In-Store Only

*VIP SALE CONDITIONS:
 Discount applies ONLY to Beleza brand full retail priced items.
 Blazers & Discounted items excluded. Other exclusions apply. 10% off cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount.

TECHNOLOGY ELECTROMECHANICAL PROJECTS



Despite enduring periods of remote learning, students in Technology subjects have completed the design, production and evaluation processes in a range of timber and electromechanical projects.



MEC ALUMNI NEWS

Some great news in the sporting world for some of our ex-students during the Term Three break.

CLASS OF 2010

Nick Haynes

AFL Footballer - Greater Western Sydney, was selected on the half-back flank in the All-Australian Team. A tremendous achievement for years of hard work and dedication!



CLASS OF 2014

Matthew Millar



Soccer: Matthew has accepted a loan transfer to Shrewsbury Town Football Club in the UK. He is on loan from Newcastle FC in the A-League for the rest of the League 1 season. Matt's growth in the game has been dramatic due to his diligence and commitment to improving.

CLASS OF 2012

Kirsten Davis

Kirsten (left), has just completed her last degree in Masters of Physiotherapy with high distinctions.

Kirsten is now living in Lennox, NSW and will commence her new job in January.

Congratulations!



FRANKSTON YCW CRICKET CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED

SEASON 20-21

BOYS AND GIRLS COME AND PLAY CRICKET THIS SUMMER

WOOLWORTHS BLAST

AGE 5-7

U10-U12-U14-U16-U18

Contact Jeremy Winter

jeremywinter75@outlook.com

Maths Solution: P = 1, A = 7, G = 9 and E = 9

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

REVIEW OF COLLEGE FEES FROM COVID-19 IMPACT

A review of college fees is being undertaken to determine the impact of payment for camps, excursions, buses and activities due to Covid-19 restrictions for 2020. Where applicable, credit will be added to family accounts. If your fees were paid, then a credit will sit on your account, if unpaid the credit will be deducted from fees outstanding.

We are currently reviewing all fees for this year and hope to have any credits due on family accounts by the middle of November.

Below is information from DET regarding Refunds:

- Where a school cancels an overseas trip, camp or excursion, a credit should be placed against families for that activity if the activity is likely to be rescheduled. This credit can be drawn on later (unallocated credit).
- If the activity is not likely to be rescheduled, schools should provide a refund to the family. Further information is provided at [Refunds for cancelled oversea trips, camps and excursions](#)
- Refunds are not required to be made for subject levies. These levies are paid to deliver curriculum which has continued during the year. Whilst curriculum has been delivered differently, costs have been incurred differently to support offsite and online learning i.e. rather than classroom materials being used, there have been additional costs incurred by schools for printing, postage and online learning platform subscriptions.

PAYMENT OF COLLEGE FEES

Letters with 2021 information for Years 9-12 will be sent in the next few weeks which will outline the College fees and also have your invoice of electives your child has been given. Payment for these fees is due by: **Friday, 4th December 2020.**

The College can only charge for materials/activities used by students and payment of these fees ensures that we can provide your students with the very best programs available. Students will be unable to attend any excursions or activities if College fees have not been paid or a payment plan started. With 2021 fast approaching, it is important to plan well ahead.

PAYMENT PLANS FOR COLLEGE FEES

If you are unable to pay your College fees in full, we are more than happy to discuss the option of a payment plan. By doing this, it means you can make regular payments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) at a cost that is affordable to you. It is advisable that you sign up to a payment plan as early as possible so that your payments can be paid over a longer period of time and therefore making them more affordable to you. By signing up later in the year, your payment plan will of course be higher than it needs to be.

We have two options available:

1. Centrepay: If you receive family allowance or pension payments from Centrelink every fortnight, you can elect to have an amount deducted from your payment. This payment will come to us automatically every fortnight. There are no fees involved for you.
2. Debit/Credit Card: We will deduct the agreed amount through our EFTPOS facilities here at the College. All you need to do is provide your Credit Card number, Expiry Date, CVV and complete the Authority Form and we will do the rest.

If you would like to commence a payment plan, please feel free to call the College and speak with **Erin Gray** in our Administration Office, who can discuss the various options with you. PH: 5971 6000.

UPCOMING PAYMENT DATES

Compass Payment Plan for 2021 fees:

First instalment will commence on Friday, 4th December 2020 (6 instalments in total)

2021 Electives, Vet Courses and VCAL:

Payment due Friday, 4th December 2020



Administration Office Hours December 2020 & January 2021

December 2020

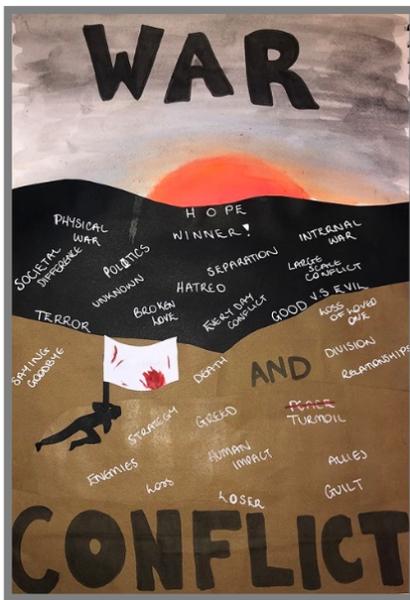
Monday, 14 th December to Thursday, 17 th December:	Office Open	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday, 18 th December:	CLOSED	

January 2021

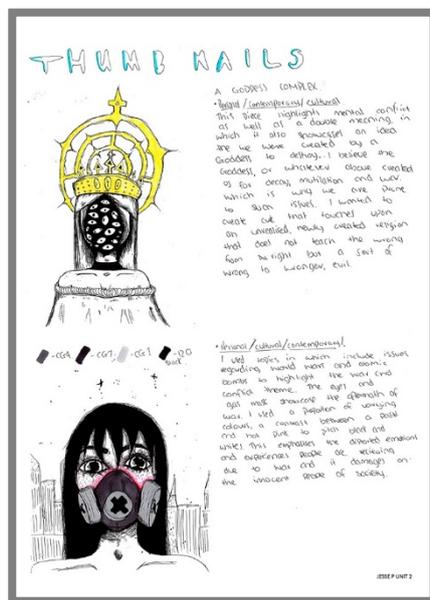
Thursday, 21 st January:	Office Open	9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, 22 nd January:	Office Open	9:00am – 3:00pm
Monday, 25 th January:	Office Open	9:00 am – 3:00pm
Tuesday, 26 th January:	CLOSED	Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 th January:	Office Open	10:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday 28 th January onwards:	Office Open	8:00am – 4:00pm

The Administration Office staff wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2021.

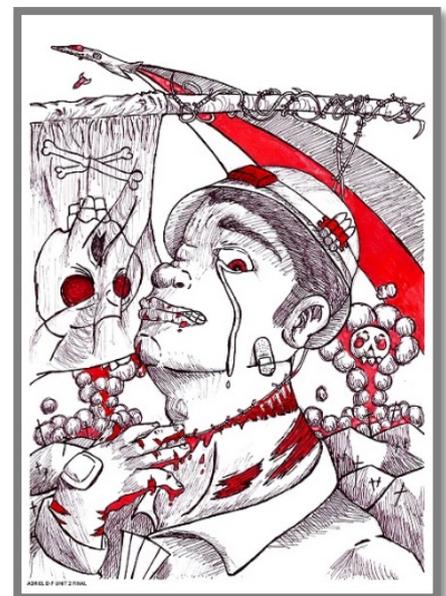




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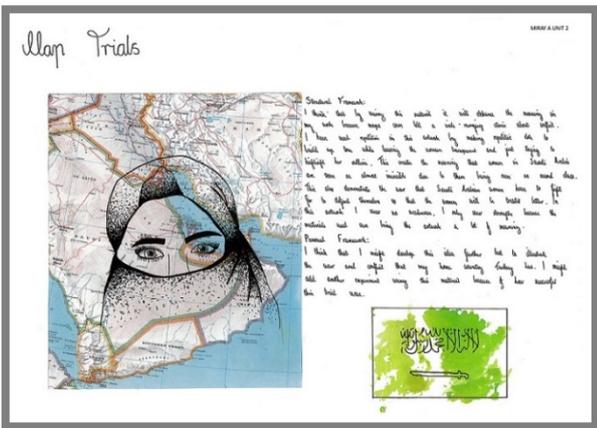


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Y11 ART - UNIT 2

In Unit 2, Y11 Art students focus on the theme of "War and Conflict" in their practical work. Students work through the Creative Process in their visual journals. This begins with a brainstorm and research into inspirational artists. Students then move onto material trials and potential directions. The last part of the creative process is material refinement and the conceptual planning of a final artwork. These images are some of the folio work and final artworks from this unit.

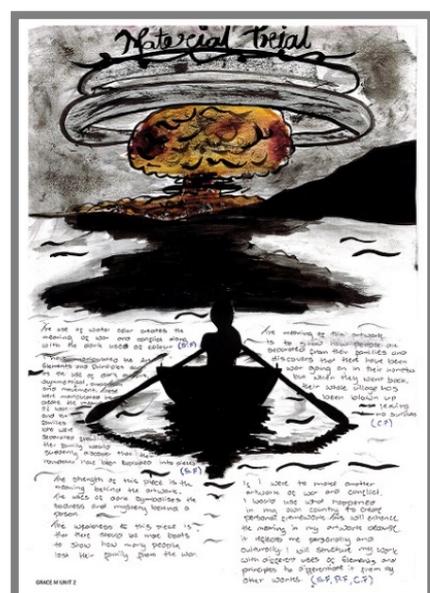
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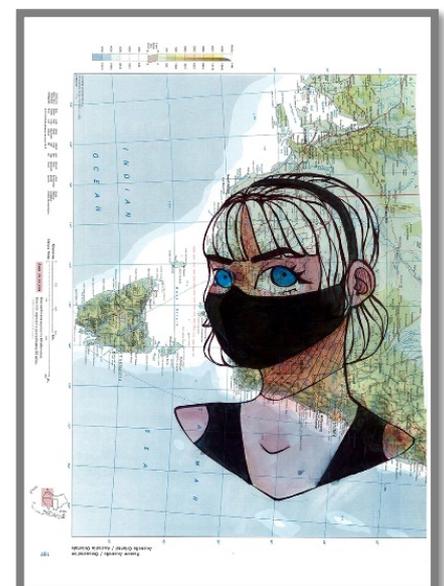
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CAREERS NEWS

GOOD LUCK TO OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS!

Our VCE and VCAL students have been finalising their 2021 Career plans and include applications for Tertiary study (University and TAFE), apprenticeships and traineeships, the Australian Defence Force, other full-time employment and GAP years.

VCE and ATAR Results will be released on **Wednesday 30th December at 7am**. VTAC applicants will have the opportunity to change their course preferences between **30th December 2020 and 4th January 2021 (12pm)**.

Mount Erin will continue to provide support to our graduates. Chris Wood will be available for advice (by phone, email or video) during this time. The Careers office is open for face-face interviews with students until **Thursday 17th December**.

Students will need USI numbers for University enrolments from next year. If you have not previously enrolled in a VET course or First Aid, you will need to apply for a USI: <https://www.usi.gov.au/login-page>

Y9 – MORRISBY INTERVIEWS WRAP UP

Year 9 students have completed their interviews with a Morrisby consultant in October to discuss their individual profile report. This program is funded by the Victorian State Government. If your child completed their assessment, but has not yet had an interview, a catch-up day is being organised before the end of November. Hard copies of the Morrisby reports will be available soon for distribution to families. Students are encouraged to read their full report and use this information as they move into Senior School.

ACCESS MONASH MENTORING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN



Students currently in Year 10 and 11 are encouraged to apply for the Monash Mentoring Program 2021 by the closing date of **27th November**. The program aims to improve

university access and participation for talented students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Year 11 and 12 students are paired with experienced and engaged Monash student mentors to work in a one-on-one mentoring relationship for the final two years of secondary school.

<https://www.monash.edu/about/mentoring/access-monash-mentoring>

MONASH PENINSULA STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY – Y10/11

Visit the Monash University Peninsula campus virtually on **Tuesday 8th December 4:30pm – 6:30pm**. The Peninsula campus specializes in Health and Allied Health, Business and Education.

- Hear from current students and alumni about their student experience and careers



- Learn how to manage stress, build resilience and stay motivated for VCE success
- Ask faculty representative's course related questions.

Register at:

<https://www.monash.edu/about/our-locations/peninsula-campus/peninsula-student-experience-day>

Y12 STUDENTS – CHISHOLM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



If you plan to study at Chisholm Institute in 2021, complete your on-line direct application now. Many 'Free TAFE' courses are

available next year and will attract a lot of interest. See Chris Wood if you need assistance. Chisholm has pathways to degrees:

<https://www.chisholm.edu.au/students/pathways/pathways-to-degrees>

GET READY TO APPLY FOR CHRISTMAS CASUAL JOBS!

Update your resume! Use the search terms 'Christmas casual' or 'Summer job' in Jora, Seek, Indeed websites. See Chris Wood in the Careers office if you need help with a resume for your job application. All students aged 15 should have a **Tax file number** for their employment. Complete your application online then make an appointment with your post office to bring in your documents. Go to:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn/australian-residents---tfn-application/>

CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY FEES FOR 2021

The Federal Government has recently made significant changes to the funding of University degrees, resulting in some courses and subjects becoming cheaper, while others will be more expensive for students. HECS loan schemes (to defer fees) continue to be available for Australian Citizens. Here is an article that provides some more information:

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/university-fees-are-changing-how-will-it-affect-you-20201009-p563ib.html>

Careers advisers have requested further details from Universities, however the institutions are still working this out due to complexities in the legislation. An Arts degree, for example, includes subjects with different funding. Humanities subjects and majors, such as English, Languages and Psychology, will be cheaper, while other humanities subjects and majors will be more expensive. It is unclear how much double degrees will be impacted.

Chris will provide more information to students when they are known.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Careers office regularly receives job updates from local employers and Group Training organisations:

Automotive apprenticeships:

<https://www.autoapprenticeships.com.au/apply-now/>

Master builder's foundation:

<https://www.mbv.com.au/Master-Builders-Foundation>



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MOUNT ERIN KITCHEN RULES
WINNERS



Chiara S. Y11 won the student entry for cooking an amazing Pesto Gnocchi.



Nick A. Y7 received the *Runners-Up Award* for cooking 'Gemista' (Stuffed Vegetables).



Mr Dash won the staff competition - he did an excellent job making 'Lasagne a la duxelle' which you can see in the pics below. Thanks also to Mr Kroger, Mr Webster, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Main, Ms Logan and Ms Beamish for submitting entries too, much appreciated. Here are a few more delicious entries!



THE MAIN FAMILY



Mr Webster's Vegetarian Lasagne



MRS GORDON