



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

From The Principal

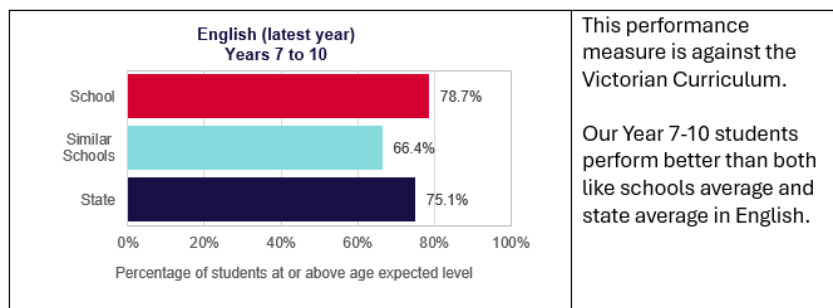
Dear Parents/Guardians,



Term 1 is nearly over. It is always a busy term; our normal range of activities has an overlay of both House Swimming Sports and House Athletics carnival, as well as several school-level events.

School Review and Annual Report to the School Community:

There are two particular cycles of reflection that are occurring at the moment. Firstly, the school has been engaging with external school reviewers, who work with stakeholders to plan the four year strategic plan. Looking back, our results are excellent - on par or better than all our neighbourhood competitors. Secondly, each March the school presents to the School Council a summary of the outcomes for the past year. Some of the results from these two discussions are below.



Mean study score from all VCE subjects:	29.97	This is our 2024 VCE summary data. The mean study score gives an indicator of the performance of an 'average' student. The state mean was 28.9.
Number of students awarded the VCE Vocational Major	25	The adult TAFE completion rate is about 40%. A completion rate of 90% of our VET students means our students are performing significantly better than state average.
Percentage Vocational Education and Training (VET) units of competence satisfactorily completed in 2024:	90%	We are grateful to the Mansfield community for their support with our vocational programs and commitment to our young people.

CALENDAR

Week 10

Thu 3/4 - Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

NO CLASSES RUNNING

Fri 4/4 - Yr 9 Agribusiness Seymour Alternative Farming Expo

Fri 4/4 - Last Day Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal

Term 2

Week 1

Tue 22/4 - First day of Term

Tue 22/4 - Thu 24/4 - OES Lake Eildon Canoe Trip

Wed 23/4 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Fri 25/4 - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Week 2

Tue 29/4 - 2026 Year 7 Information Night 5:30pm

Wed 30/4 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Week 3

Mon 5/5 - Year 10 Immunisations

Tue 6/5 - Year 7 Science Excursion

Wed 7/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Thu 8/5 - Indonesian Big Day Out Excursion

Week 4

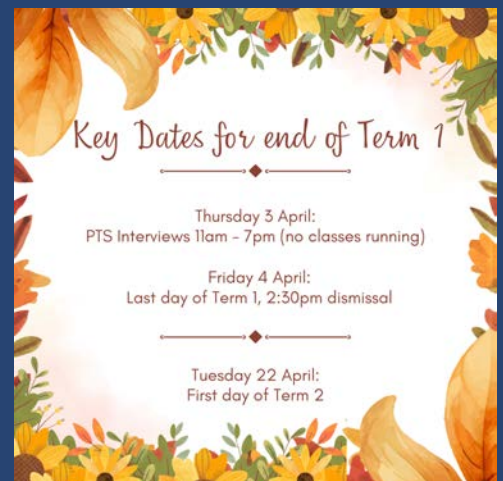
Wed 14/5 - Victorian Careers Expo

Wed 14/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

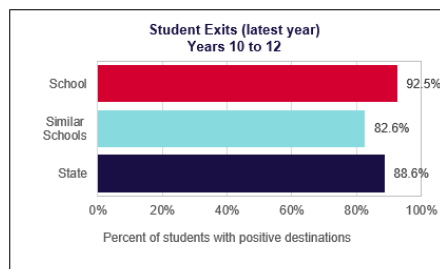
Week 5

Tue 20/5 - Round Robin

Wed 21/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm



From The Principal (continued)



This performance measure is about where our students go after they finish school.

Positive exit destinations are University, TAFE, or employment.

School	Study score of 40 and over (%) (indicator of proportion of high performing students)	Study score Median (max 50) (indicator of average performance)	Our students are performing equal or better than all our nearest neighbor competitors. We are very proud to take every single student and to work with them towards excellence.
Mansfield Secondary College	6.3	29	
FCJ – Benalla	1.1	28	
Cathedral College, Wangaratta	4.5	29	
Galen College, Wangaratta	3.5	28	

Parent-Teacher-Student (PTS) Interviews:

Coming up this week are the PTS Interviews. There will be no scheduled classes on Thursday, in order to enable students and parents to attend the interviews together. The PTS interviews are an ideal opportunity to work in partnership with the teachers of your child.

PTS Interviews form a core part of our reporting processes which also encompass:

- Progress reports on a five week cycle
- Feedback on common assessment tasks in Compass in your child's profile, click on Learning Tasks (via a web browser not through the app)
- PTS Interviews in Term 1 and 3
- End of semester summary report

We look forward to the Parent Teacher Student Interview conversations on Thursday.

Activities:

There has been a lot happening in the past few weeks. In addition to the swimming and athletics carnivals, we have also had the following activities:

- Year 12 Physics class, Luna Park, Melbourne
- Year 12 Biology class, Gene Technology Centre, Melbourne
- Year 11 Camp, Kinglake Forest Adventures Camp
- International Women's Day; WiNE community lunch, and a morning tea with Year 12 students and their invited guests
- Year 9 Adventure Challenge hike over the Bluff
- VM students, Driving Learning Program, Melbourne

Reiley Gibney-Schelfhout:

The North East Victoria Region has a showcase concert coming up in Term 3, at Hamer Hall in Melbourne. It aims to highlight excellence in state schools, and provide important performance opportunities to students. Reiley has been selected to represent our area at the concert. A credit to him and the music team around him. Well done Reiley!

Term Break:

School breaks up at 2:30pm on Friday 4th of April. I draw your attention to the first week back – a short week of just three days, with Easter Monday and ANZAC day on Friday.

I wish all families a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing students again on Tuesday 22nd April.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Year 11 Kinglake Forest Adventure Camp

Year 11 Camp was an amazing experience for everyone who went, and the activities we did will stick with me for a long time. There were a bunch of fun games that everyone participated in such as The Hunger Games, tree climbing and Wildergaining. Some of these were done by the whole year level at the same time and some were done in the groups we were split into.

My highlights were the painting we all made, which every group contributed to and we made something we could take back to the school and hang up on a wall as a constant reminder of the fun times we had on camp. I also loved supporting Andy Cotterill as he carried our group from fourth place in the Hunger Games all the way to first place in the Tug of War. We learnt about teamwork and leadership in our group's seesaw challenge, where we all worked together to get everyone on a massive seesaw that would fall to one side due to the slightest shift in weight. Our walks through the forest were very relaxing and finding our connection to nature was extremely cathartic.

Throughout the camp, we all learnt how to work in a team a lot better and we got to support each other through every challenge. Taking all of this into consideration, it was one of the best camps I've been on and I'm sure many of my peers would agree.

Ethan Visser – Year 11 student



Swimming Carnival

On Monday 17th February the annual MSC Swimming Carnival took place. The day is a great opportunity to acknowledge both our accomplished competitive swimmers and our students who have a great attitude and take themselves out of their comfort zone. On a beautiful summer day, the students threw themselves into the event and some strongly contested races were had. In a new format more students took the opportunity to compete for their house and have some fun along the way. The novelty races always produce the most noise and this year was no exception. It's nice to see the students enjoy themselves and create an environment where everyone has the opportunity to earn points for their team.

Congratulations to Biyal coming away with the win!

As with any carnival there are always stand out swimmers and this year our age champions did very well to claim that. The winners were:

13yr: Mia Olver & Levi McCoombe

14yr: Keziah Wolfe & Jett Riches

15yr: Josephine Taylor & Zac Hotton

16yr: Olivia Riches & Sam Kain

17yr: Lara Gould & Asher Wolfe

18-20yr: Jess Dolling & Mitch Pentony



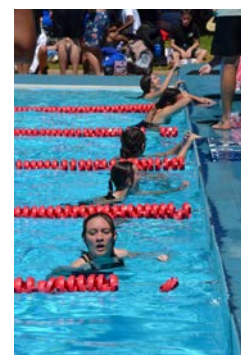
In the most anticipated race of the carnival the end result was no surprise. The teachers again dominated the teacher vs students race and with some extra training hopefully the students can come closer next year.

Since then we have had 2 additional levels of competition and MSC has been well represented. Zac Hotton and Keziah Wolfe have had outstanding swim meets and will compete at the state titles in May. As a school community we wish them all the very best.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts on the day. Next year we will make it bigger and better.

Chad Owens

Sports Coordinator



Hume Region Swim Carnival

Well done to our students who made it to Hume swimming. It was a hot day at the Wodonga Waves pool and our students put in incredible efforts to win or place in their events. Zac Hotton and Keziah Wolfe both received PBs on the day. Most impressively we won the men's relay with three male and one female contender. Our students were well presented, an excellent help to the staff and supporters to each other. It was a huge day by the pool. Congratulations MSC swimmers!

Brigitte Brocklesby

Teacher



Athletics Carnival

Friday 28th March saw students enjoying the sunshine at the MSC Athletics Carnival. Marrang were too strong and claimed victory for the second consecutive year!

Congratulations to the below age group champions and well done to the whole school community for a really enjoyable day.

Age Group Champions

13yr: Georgia Crowder & Levi McCoombe

14yr: Keziah Wolfe & Reeve Purday

15yr: Ellie Marks & Zac Hotton

16yr: Eva Clydesdale & Alistair Daniels

17yr: Ava Mahoney & Noah Whittall

18-20yr: Estelle O'Neill & Charlie Watts



International Women's Day

My name is Hunter Watson and I am a student from Mansfield Secondary College (MSC), and I was one of the lucky few students that got selected to go to the International Women's Day event at the golf club.

Once I arrived and was seated, I looked around the room to see so many people in the one place to come and be a part of this event. It was really amazing to see the community of Mansfield come together and enjoy lunch. Not too long after we got settled, one of the people who were running the event stood up to the microphone and started to talk about International Women's Day. There was an aboriginal artwork that was on display and she started explaining how it was really important and significant, what it meant for all different women around Australia and that they all have their life challenges, but how they come together as a community and stand together and fight for what is right!

The first guest speaker was Dr Niki who explained the difference between the gender wage gap for men and women. Still to this day men get paid more, but they have increased the pay rate for women by a slice. And that it is a straight fact that women take more time in the bathroom than men not because they are on social media. Us girls take longer because of periods, or because they are pregnant, or other female issues. And according to Dr Niki it will take 145 years (can't remember the excited number) to finally make the world stop the differences of the gender pay wage and that girls can't do this or do that.

The second guest speaker was Michelle Huntington who is an airline captain. Her story was that when she was a little girl she went on a small jet, which she said was an experience that was better than a roller coaster, and from that day forward her dream was to be a pilot. She went to the flight academy and she saw only one other woman there. Her first real flight was one that was life threatening, they were only in a small plane with a small tank of fuel and she had to fly it from America to Australia. She managed to figure out a strategy and she did it in under five days and got her hours up in the process.

The last speaker was Debbie Lee, and she is a publisher and a business owner. She talked about the different books that all different women wrote, some about their family or just different stories. Debbie specifically spoke about a new book that we got to see which was a Michelle Huntington book of her story on how she became a flight captain.

I really enjoyed that event and hopefully next year the students from MSC will enjoy it as much as we did.

Hunter Watson – Year 10 student

The International Women's Day lunch was a fantastic experience, and I am very grateful to have been chosen to attend it. The talks were amazing, shedding light on gender inequalities I hadn't even considered before the event. They gave me a new perspective and made me more aware of the challenges the opposite gender face. And, of course, the free lunch was a nice bonus! Overall, it was a very memorable event.

Jota Andrijweskyj – Year 10 student



Year 9/10 Drama

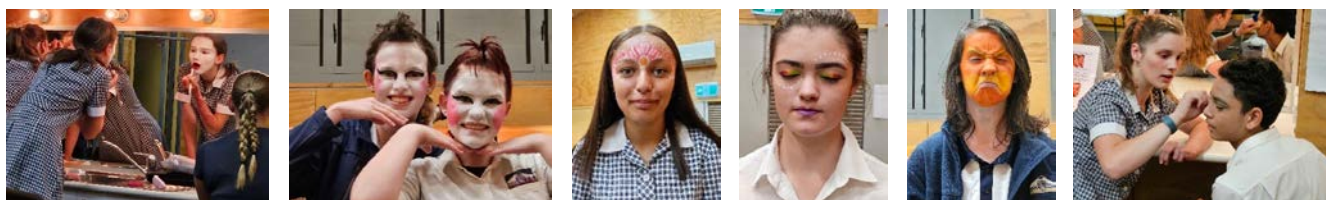
In 2025 our numbers have grown, and we have a class of 20 students keen on finding their inner thespian. Students have now investigated the use of props, costume and makeup in a performance. We have workshoped improvisation skills, teamwork and character development. All students are currently working on their monologue performances which will be performed and assessed on Tuesday 20th May. The class will also combine with the Year 9/10 Music class to perform their group performance 'Infected', a play they have chosen and cast themselves. Students will be involved with all aspects of the production including the lighting, sound, costumes and makeup.

'Infected' is the story of a group of kids who survive a mass infection that befalls their town. The survivors band together to protect their sleeping parents behind the dynamic leadership of Sarah Moore. Sarah's tribe struggles as many kids defect to the tribe that is headed by the mysterious Deacon because of promises of food and fun.

The class will be performing to local Primary schools and there will be a public performance to which we invite everyone to attend, more details will follow early next term.

Anna Gage

Drama Teacher



VM Driving Learning Excursion

On Thursday 13th March, 12 students from our Year 11 and 12 VM classes set off from Mansfield in the early morning headed for the Formula 1 circuit at Albert Park, accompanied by Mr Steele and Ms O'Connor.

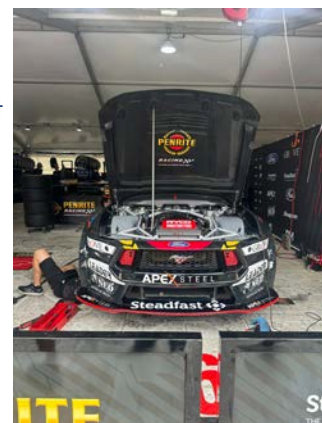
We arrived at 10:30am and began our day exploring the Innovation Hub, which featured hands-on exhibits from the Australian Defence Force (including aircraft simulators), Motorsport Australia (race car simulators), and Lunar Outpost Oceania (would you believe - more simulators!). The event also showcased displays from Fire Safety Australia, universities, TAFEs, and a range of career exhibitors from the construction, transport and tourism industries.

After breaking for lunch, we had the chance to witness the first Supercars practice of the day and observe the mechanics at work. We then explored the track, took in the best views from the grandstands during the F2 practice, and soaked up the incredible atmosphere of the event. With so much walking involved, the bus ride home featured more than a few well earned naps.

Beyond the excitement of the day, it was fascinating to see the planning and logistics behind such a large-scale event. Our students took away valuable insights that will help shape their own projects as part of the VM program and got to spend a great day out exploring different career paths and opportunities that they normally wouldn't see.

Jade O'Connor

VM Teacher



Adventure Challenge & OES

Term 1 has seen the Year 9/10 Adventure Challenge class complete an overnight hike to Mount Stirling and a 3-day hike around the Bluff and Howqua River. The students have been familiarising themselves with the preparation process by creating meal plans and shopping lists with their partners and then cooking those meals out in the field with mixed results! Throughout the term they have been able to learn from these mistakes and prepare differently for the following hikes.

The Unit 1 & 2 Outdoor Ed class has been out for a Canoe day trip to Lake Nillahcootie where they practiced paddle skills and rescues in preparation for the 3-day Canoe expedition on Lake Eildon next term. This term has been a great introduction to VCE for the Year 10s in the class who completed their first SAC.

Haydn Murrell

Adventure Challenge & OES Teacher



Pi Day

Our Annual Pi Day Celebration was another fantastic success, with students and staff coming together to celebrate the fascinating and infinite number Pi (π).

The day featured a range of fun activities, including our highly anticipated Digits of Pi Competition, where students put their memory to the test by reciting as many digits of Pi as possible. A total of 73 students participated, collectively recalling over 2,000 digits of Pi!

We were blown away by the efforts of our top competitors. Marly Kelleher and Amelia Stevenson (Year 11) secured first place for another year in a row, astonishing everyone by correctly reciting 420 digits each! In second place was Jynx Bishop (Year 11) with 100 digits, followed by Jack Stevenson (Year 8) with 72 digits. Honourable mentions go to Lola Geddes (Year 8) with 70 digits, Nick Bardaje (Year 7) with 68 digits and Emma Flemming (Year 7) with 51 digits, – incredible efforts all around!

This year also saw a large circle appear on the basketball court, with an estimation competition. Stephen Ciszewski (Year 8) was the closest with an estimate of 31.5m. The radius of the circle was 5m, giving an approximate circumference of 31.415926535m (see what we did there...)

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, whether by competing, cheering on friends, or contributing to the Pi-themed activities throughout the day. We can't wait to see what next year's Pi Day brings—time to start practising those digits!

Naima Crisp

Maths Faculty Head

CWA Mansfield Bursary

Congratulations to VCE VM students Eleanor Cooksey & Elise Kirley who received the CWA Bursary for their Vocational studies during a presentation on Sunday 16 March. They were joined by Careers Practitioner Shelly Comben for this special occasion.

Mansfield Secondary College is extremely grateful to CWA for their continued support of our students.





**CALLING
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**WE
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Mansfield Secondary College is seeking placements for 81 students for their upcoming Work Experience week.

If your business can assist, please contact Shelly Comben at the College on 5775 2022 or via email shelly.comben@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your support!

Year 10 Work Experience Week:
30 June - 4 July 2025

**YOUTH
RADIO**

Radio Mansfield is looking for some young people to be involved in bringing a youth perspective to the airwaves. Are you interested?

Bring your ideas for what this might look like (music focussed, youth affairs, your own special interest...) to Mrs. O'Loughlan to chat further courtney.oloughlan@education.vic.gov.au

Radio Mansfield

MATHS SUPPORT

Mansfield Secondary College continues to offer Maths Support every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during morning break 11:05am - 11:40am in the Library.

Maths Support is run by our dedicated Maths teachers who come and support students with their homework, classwork or any extension work. This is a great opportunity for students in Year 7 to Year 12 to get some extra help with their maths work.

For any further information please contact Maths Coordinator, Naima Crisp at naima.crisp@education.vic.gov.au or 5775 2022.



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

2026 YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025

***School tour from 5:30pm
Presentation 6pm - 7pm***

We invite all prospective 2026 Year 7 students and their families to the College for an Information Night.

Come along and hear from our Leadership Team about the opportunities Mansfield Secondary College offers.



[HTTPS://MANSFIELDSC.VIC.EDU.AU/](https://mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/)



SCHOOL TOURS

COME ALONG FOR A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE PRESENTATION. MEET OUR TEAM IN THE BAGUNGA GARDENS FROM 5:30PM. (Staff carpark entrance, across from Finlason Street)

INFORMATION PRESENTATION

THE INFORMATION PRESENTATION WILL COMMENCE AT 6:00PM IN THE LANGUAGE CENTRE

RSVP

PLEASE EMAIL
MANSFIELD.SC@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU
OR CALL OUR FRONT OFFICE TEAM IF YOU
WISH TO ATTEND PH: 03 5775 2022



LIBRARY NEWS



TERM 1
2025

YEAR 12 LITERATURE

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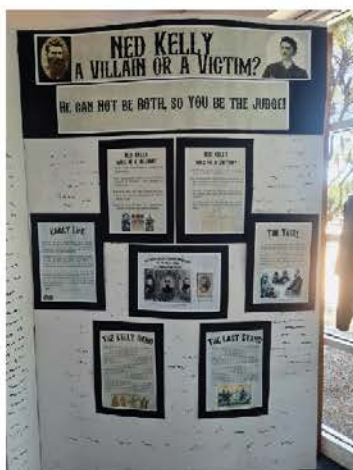
Students in Year 12 Literature studied the novel *Our Sunshine* this term.



During the study, they examined the life, legacy and mythology of Ned Kelly and his impact on modern Australian identity. As part of this, they learnt about the social and historical context of his life and explored various perspectives and views of Ned Kelly as both a person and as a persona.

REMINDERS

-  Return any overdue books ASAP
-  Check out the new available books
-  Remember to charge your computers overnight



What's New

NEW BOOKS

We have been working with the wonderful team at Ink Bookshop, Mansfield to keep our collection fresh and current. Come and check out the new books to borrow in the Library and let us know if you have any book suggestions or requests.



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FUN FACT

According to the Guinness World Records, the largest book in the world weighs over 3,000 pounds and measures 16.40 feet / 26.44 feet.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:

- 18+**
18 years or older
- \$**
A regular income (you or your partner)
- 💻**
Attend free online financial education workshops
- ✓**
Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year
- 📇**
Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

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1st & 3rd
Tue
each month



FRESH FOOD DRIVE

We have a new look!

Sharing Produce in Our Community
St John's Church Hall
43 Hightett St Mansfield

PRODUCE DONATIONS
8:30 - 10:00am
Home Grown Produce - as much or as little as you can give - we appreciate it all.

PRODUCE COLLECTIONS
9:30 - 11:30am
Everyone and anyone is welcome to come and collect free, locally grown produce.

CAN'T MAKE IT? NEED PRODUCE PUT ASIDE?
Contact Meg 03 5775 8800 megan.dunn@mdh.org.au





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Available to students from 13-18 years old

Contact us to enquire:
03 7009 3088
mansfield@primalhealthclub.com.au
1 Sovereign Court, Mansfield VIC 3722



Mansfield Secondary College

Do you have time to help your community?



Help at school crossings is needed

We are looking for dedicated, responsible individuals from our community to help ensure the safety of children as they travel to and from school. As a School Crossing Supervisor, you'll be a vital part of our Community Safety team, helping to create a safe environment for children and families while being compensated for your time.

For further information please contact James Brown, Local Laws Officer, at 5775 8596.

mansfield.vic.gov.au 

MANSFIELD SHIRE YOUTH

Hygiene for Food Handlers

Ages : 14-25
Date : Tuesday 8th April
Time: 10am-2pm
Location: Mace (145-147 High Street, Mansfield)
Subsidized cost \$60

SPACES ARE LIMITED
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
YOUTH TEAM 57758619 youth.services@mansfield.vic.gov.au

Register here!




TEEN FIT IS BACK THESE HOLIDAYS

GIRLS: APRIL 9 | 11:30 AM
BOYS: APRIL 16 | 11:30 AM
AGES 10-16
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Questions & queries email louise@louftpersonnelfit.com





Become a SES Junior Volunteer OFFICIAL

- Learn Great Life Skills and what it takes to be a "First Responder".
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Make a positive impact on the community



Contact Mansfield SES
mansfield@ses.vic.gov.au
Any questions welcome...

Mansfield SES Junior's Program



-Wednesday after school, run during term time only. 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

-Participants **MUST** be 15 years or older.

-Supervised by highly experienced SES members.

