

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

From The Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is an exciting time of year for the school. Recently we celebrated our Year 12's and the end of their secondary schooling. At our College, that means fun festivities with dress-ups and a staff vs student netball match, with staff losing badly for the first time in six years. This is followed the next day by a whole school assembly, with morning tea and laying a named paver for each student, which parents were encouraged to attend. Our culture is one of celebration and involves families, teachers and students. Our strength is the relationships that our staff build with students and this is always showcased at these events. The Year 12 Graduation will occur after exams are finished, held at The Sebel, Pinnacle Valley. Thanks to Ms Brooks and the team for organizing these celebrations.

As I write this, the exam period for Year 12's has commenced, with the English exam being held on Tuesday 29th October. The exams run for a three week period, and our students seem well prepared and focused. During the school holidays there was an extensive revision opportunity, with many of our senior staff working to support students with practice exams and feedback – thanks to the VCE team for their support of the students in this way.

At the other end of the schooling spectrum, we are in the throes of transition activities for our incoming Year 7 students. The Year 7 Information Night was a great success, with students and parents asking lots of questions about life at MSC. Past student, Bella Green addressed those in attendance, highlighting her journey into medicine as an outcome of her time with us, and about balancing her study commitments with sporting excellence. We will welcome 75 students into Year 7 for 2025. If you are a parent/guardian of an incoming student and you need more support, please reach out to the School Office and they will direct your enquiry.

Other school activities that have been taking place:

- The Year 8 program at Rubicon Outdoor School was fabulous. This program has a strong educational focus, with learning around the environment as well as fun activities such as rafting, climbing and bushwalking. You can see their activities here: <https://rubicon.vic.edu.au/> Thank you to Mr Jonathan Steele and Rubicon Camp for providing this opportunity.
- Year 7's have been doing a rotation of off-campus activities including clay target shooting and tennis, while yoga and ball sports are taking place on school grounds.
- The Year 9/10 Philosophy class travelled to Melbourne last week engaging in a number of activities including a tour of the National

CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 6

Mon 11/11 - Fri 15/11 - Unit 2 & Year 10 Exams

Wed 13/11 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 15/11 - Year 10 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm

Week 7

Mon 18/11 - Fri 22/11 - Year 10 & 11 Headstart Program

Mon 18/11 & Tue 19/11 - Year 8 & 9 Quantum Victoria Excursions

Wed 20/11 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 8

Mon 25/11 - Year 10 Celebration Day, Camp Howqua

Mon 25/11 - Fri 29/11 - Year 10 & 11 Headstart Program

Wed 27/11 - House Round Robin

Wed 27/11 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 29/11 - Year 12 Graduation at The Sebel Pinnacle Valley

Week 9

Mon 2/12 - Fri 6/12 - Year 10 & 11 Headstart Program

Wed 4/12 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 6/12 - Last day for Year 10 & 11 students

Week 10

Mon 9/12 - Year 9 Funfields Activity Day

Mon 9/12 - Fri 13/12 - Senior School Induction Week

Mon 9/12 - Fri 13/12 - AVC Mt Arapiles Climbing Camp

Mon 9/12 - Fri 13/12 - Year 9 Young Men, Old Mountains & Women of the Wild Camps

Mon 9/12 - Thu 12/12 - Year 8 Surf Camp

Tue 10/12 - Year 6 Transition Day (no Yr7 students at school)

Week 11

Mon 16/12 - Wed 18/12 - Year 7 Howqua Camp

Wed 18/12 - Last day of school

From The Principal (continued)

- Gallery of Victoria, looking out over the city from the Eureka Skydeck, a visit to the zoo, using their wits to escape at the Adventure Rooms, and a little bit of shopping to top it all off. Ms Burkhardt worked philosophical thoughts, ideas and perspectives into each of these activities. Thank you to Ms Janessa Burkhardt for her organisation and leading our students on this camp.
- Our students have competed in the Hume Region athletics and Year 8 and Intermediate (Year 9&10) boys and girls basketball in recent weeks. These are valuable opportunities to celebrate excellence in sporting endeavors

In the wider community, our senior band 'Blue Curtain' won the group category at the recent Battle of the Bands, with several other school bands and soloists being invited to perform at upcoming local events. It is fabulous to have our students out and about, representing their school so well. We are very proud of our students!

This week we had a Curriculum Day on the Monday before Melbourne Cup. For just over a year, we have been working with Berry Street Education, refining the way in which we work with students. Our topic for this session was 'Character', and how we support young people to think about their values and character strengths. Berry Street comes from a lens of trauma informed practice, working to build calm and orderly classroom contexts with predictable routines that support student learning. We valued the opportunity to have dedicated time learning about how best to help students learn. For more information on these practices: <https://www.berrystreet.org.au/learning-and-resources/berry-street-education-model>

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Year 12 Final Celebrations





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Philosophy Camp

Last week a group of inquisitive minds embarked on a philosophical adventure that transcended the confines of the classroom. The Philosophy class set out on a transformative journey, delving into the realms of art, ethics, and virtual reality. This extraordinary experience unfolded at various iconic locations, each offering a unique perspective on the complexity of human thought.

'Young Philosophers' at the National Gallery of Victoria

The journey commenced with a visit to the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), a haven for artistic expression and contemplation. Here, the students engaged in a thought-provoking workshop called 'Young Philosophers.' Immersed in the rich tapestry of paintings, sculptures, and installations, the students were encouraged to unravel the deeper meanings behind the art pieces. The NGV became a canvas for philosophical exploration, fostering a connection between the visual and the intellectual.

Ethics at the Melbourne Zoo

A visit to the Melbourne Zoo offered a unique lens through which the students examined the ethical dimensions of animal treatment over time. Exploring the habitats and engaging in discussions with experts, the students contemplated the evolution of our ethical responsibilities towards our fellow creatures. This experience sparked conversations about the role of zoos in conservation, animal welfare, and the delicate balance between human progress and the preservation of the natural world. The group were presented with a range of current ethical dilemmas Melbourne Zoo is facing.

Voyager and Skydeck

Venturing into the heart of Southbank, the students encountered the 'Voyager' virtual reality pods—an exploration of the limitless possibilities offered by technology. This futuristic encounter challenged traditional notions of reality, prompting reflections on the intersection of philosophy and cutting-edge innovation. The journey reached new heights—literally—when the students ascended the Skydeck, gaining a panoramic view of Melbourne and contemplating the vastness of the world from a philosophical standpoint.

Adventure Rooms Melbourne

The group put their problem solving, team work and communication skills to the test in the Adventure Rooms. The group was split into 4 teams over 2 rooms. Much fun (and some frustration) was had by all.

As the students returned to Mansfield, their minds enriched and perspectives broadened, they carried with them the indelible imprints of a journey through philosophy—one that transcended the confines of textbooks and classrooms, shaping their understanding of the world and their place within it.

Some student reflections of the camp:

'The camp was fun because we were able to have freedom and all of the activities we participated in either made you think or were fun.' Marat Minikhanov

'We were challenged in many different ways, being tasked with working with one another and put in positions where communication was the only way out.' Zellie Nicholls

'A highlight of the camp was the escape room to work on teamwork and arguing skills.' Lara Gould

'The Philosophy Camp was extremely fun and the art gallery was thought provoking and full of interesting things.' Ethan Visser

'The thing I enjoyed on this camp was exploring all the artworks and what the artists real intentions were behind each piece. It was interesting to hear how others interpreted the same picture.' Ava Virtanen

'My highlight of camp was being able to have fun with my friends and explore new experiences we don't usually get in Mansfield.' Tilly Thornton

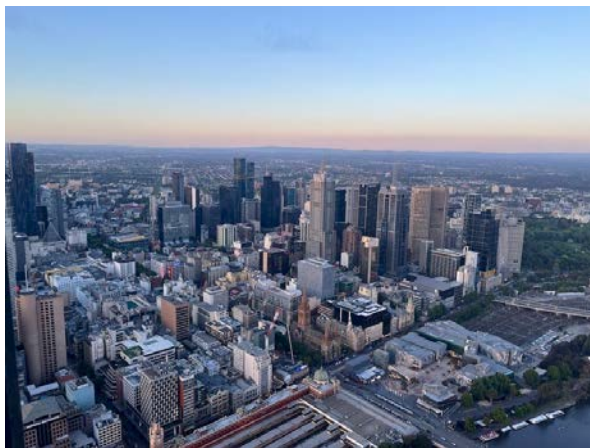
'It was a very free and fun camp to hangout with mates, while also challenging your thinking.' Vaughan Olver

Thank you to Mr Julian Perry for accompanying us on this camp.

Janessa Burkhardt

Philosophy Teacher

Philosophy Camp Photos





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School for Student Leadership for Year 9 students in 2025

Once again, Mansfield Secondary College has been successful in our application to send students to the School for Student Leadership (SSL) in 2025. We have been allocated 4 places, 2 boys and 2 girls.

Our successful students will be attending SSL's Gnurad-Gundidj Campus in Glenormiston South, central western Victoria. It will occur in Term 3 next year. The program is residential, with a family visit weekend taking place during the term. The third campus of the School for Student Leadership, the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus was constructed in 2008 and opened in 2009 as a rural and innovative specialist setting for leadership education.

Seasonal features of the outdoor program at Gnurad-Gundidj include surfing in Warrnambool and Port Fairy, hiking through the World Heritage listed National Park – Budj Bim, hiking sections of the Great Ocean Walk, canoeing on the Hopkins and Gellibrand rivers, single track mountain-biking through Forrest and high ropes courses in the Otway Ranges.

The process in the coming weeks is that our current Year 8 students will be informed of this wonderful opportunity during Homeroom. The 2024 SSL students will be available to answer questions. An application and interview process will follow soon after and successful students will be informed by the end of this school year.

There is a cost for a student to attend the program. The SSL has reduced the contribution to \$800 for a full program and \$400 for eligible Health Care Card holders. You are invited to speak to Anna Francis, our school's Business Manager, if meeting the cost would be a challenge.

It is my role to oversee the provision of information to students and parents, the application, and interview process for the 2025 program. Once the successful students have been finalised, I will work to assist students and families with the following steps:

- Completion of all forms and submission to the campus.
- Awareness of dates, in particular arrival and departure, parent visiting and liaison teacher visits.
- Pre-departure check-ins and question/answer opportunities with our current Year 9's who attended this year.
- Undertaking the Community Learning Project that the group devises as part of their leadership development.

The SSL will conduct an information evening in the term prior to participation. This will take place via video. It will be conducted by a member of the leadership team from the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus in about week 5 or 6 of Term 2, 2025.

You are welcome to contact me via email Jennifer.Wenlock@education.vic.gov.au but the next stage involves the information session for the current Year 8's where the explanation and timeline for applications and interviewing interested students will be outlined.

Jen Wenlock

Year 9 Coordinator

Adventure Challenge

On Tuesday 15th October, the Adventure Challenge class travelled to Lake William Hovel to further their paddling skills and understanding of water safety in flat-water environments. A range of skills and techniques were covered during the several hours spent on the water as students enjoyed the warm, sunny conditions. Initially, as kayak's zig zagged across the lake, a hint of frustration was evident, however, resilience was shown and eventually paddlers progressed to working in unison with their partner to steer boats in the desired direction. The class worked well together as a team throughout the day to prepare boats, load equipment and generally support each other to have a fantastic day.

All students are now looking forward to our second paddling excursion where skills will be challenged in moving water on the Goulburn River.

Tom Grinter

Adventure Challenge Teacher



Kamu Memakai Apa? What Are You Wearing?

This term, Year 7 Indonesian students have been diving into the world of fashion - Indonesian style! We're learning new vocabulary all about clothing and focusing on how to describe outfits. To make things even more exciting, each class transformed into a fashion runway, where students had a chance to show off their creativity, style, and language skills. It's been a fantastic way for students to bring language learning to life!

Azharra Al Farid

Indonesian Teacher



Sports News

Tuesday 8th October the Intermediate (Yr 9 & 10) and Year 8 boys basketball headed to Shepparton to play in the regional competition and performed well against very strong competition. The Year 9/10 boys struck Victory College Wodonga first and in a very even first half the players connected well but the speed and accurate shooting of Victory got them over the line. In a closer tussle against Notre Dame College, Sam Kain and Hayden Desmond were becoming a handful, and the defensive mindset of Josh How, Alex Kipping and Sam Inch kept the score line competitive. The boys eventually went down but the mojo was back in the group. The final game against Yarrowonga was blow for blow the whole way and some smart play by Ethan Pigdon and Cruz Purday along with the strength of Jake Timmers made it go down to the wire where some interesting calls gave the Yarra boys some easy shots and that was the difference.



The Year 8 boys also had their work cut out with a strong Galen side in their first hit out followed by Notre Dame College in the second game where the weight of scoring got the better of the team. Harris Kain and Josh Taylor had a lot of good moments and Judd Turner and Toby Gerrans kept bringing the ball down the court, but it wasn't enough, and they went down in both games. In the third game against Myrtleford, the boys got the chocolates and Archie Dunn, Jacob Fleming and Will Benton did their jobs and kept feeding the scorers who took their chances.

Both teams played some terrific basketball against very strong sides and will be better for the experience. Big thanks to Max Campbell, Adam Storer and Charlie Dobson who helped coach, score and encourage all day, and Nigel Kain who came along to assist. Well done boys.

Athletics

We then headed off to Albury on Thursday 10th October for the Region Athletics. Zac Hotton placed 2nd in the boys 800m, and Reeve Purday picked up a 3rd in the 13yr old boys 1500m event. Lucas Bellman did well in his high jump event, gaining 4th.

Franzi Stumpf and Estelle O'Neill both triumphed in their 800m races, earning them a chance to compete against the top athletes at Albert Park on Monday 21st October. Franzi secured 2nd place in the 12/13 yr old girls' 800m at the state trials, while Estelle finished 7th in her event. A very impressive effort girls, well done!



Girls Basketball

Tuesday 29th October saw the Year 8 and Intermediate (Yr 9 & 10) girls basketball sides make the trek to Shepparton Sports Stadium to take on the other district schools that won their way through to our Hume Region competition.

All sides played Catholic College Wodonga in Round 1 and it was a tough slog. CCW is a school with over a thousand students and their basketball program is predominately made up of representative players. The Year 8 girls were on the hunt early and the standard was very high, but CCW really established themselves in the second half and ran out comfortable winners.

These two sides look like they'll have many battles over the years with both sides containing state and rep level players. The Year 8 girls went on and won their next two games to finish off in 2nd place. Thanks to the Pigdon brothers and Adam Storer who looked after the girls during their three rounds. Some players of note were Peyton Male who was strong around all parts of the court. Lara Klingsporn who ran the ball forward and made many plays controlling the tempo. Halli Herridge defended well making teams earn their goals with Lia Snell and Annie Armsden pressuring the person carrying the ball.

The 9/10 girls were up to their necks in competition with the bigger more drilled sides of the region and battled hard to stay in the games. They had a massive chance against Myrtleford but just fell short. Demi Murray was impressive, and Keira Thornton charged through everything. The girls had many good moments and although they lost all their games, they mainly only broke down in the second halves.

Many thanks to Hayden Desmond and Chelsea Dean who looked after this group covering the coaching and scoring duties.

That ends the School Sports Victoria program for the year with only our own school Round Robin event on Wednesday 27th November.

Christian Thomson

Sports Coordinator



Year 10 Humanities

A few weeks ago, our Year 10 students had the privilege of hearing from Halima Rezayee, who shared her powerful and confronting experiences as a woman and lawyer in Afghanistan. Her story of fleeing the Taliban, seeking refuge in Iran, and starting a new chapter with her family in Mansfield offered invaluable insight into the realities faced by those forced to leave their homes amid conflict. Her story offered a tangible example to link with students' civics and citizenship study of human rights, seeking refuge and asylum.

Halima's journey provided students with important lessons in empathy, the importance of women's rights, and the strength required to pursue peace in difficult circumstances. Her story also highlighted the resilience of asylum seekers and the local support networks such as Rural Australians for Refugees that help them rebuild their lives.

We appreciate Halima's willingness to share her experiences, helping our students understand the local, regional and global implications of conflict and migration, and inspiring them to value compassion and justice amid global instability.

Thank you to Abbey McConnell for organising this experience for our students.



Julian Perry

Year 10 Coordinator

Art News

Mansfield Secondary College received a grant from the Mansfield Bendigo Community Bank earlier this year. Their generous contribution allowed the school to purchase a new ceramics kiln for the art department.

Our first project has been through the kiln! We fired Face Jugs that our Year 8 students created. Face Jugs originated in the 1800s in South Carolina by African American slaves. As music was a healing tool for many during these inhumane living conditions, so too was ceramic arts. The jugs wore all kinds of facial expressions and were beautifully hand crafted.

Our Year 8 students loved learning the fine art of ceramics, the history of The Face Jugs, while admiring each other's artwork and facial expressions that evolved on their jugs. The results were wild, scary, fun and beautiful and we are so grateful for this and many more rich ceramic art project opportunities to come thanks to our Mansfield Bendigo Community Bank.

Brigitte Brocklesby

Art Teacher





LIBRARY NEWS



LIBRARY AT LUNCH

The Library is currently open during morning and afternoon break to allow students to relax in a quiet space, utilise computers or play a board game with friends.



COMPUTERS

Desktop computers are available for students to use in the Library during morning and afternoon break.

BOARD GAMES

The Library has board games for use during afternoon break, enjoy!



FUN FACT

Have you heard about Lord of The Rings or The Hobbit? ... Would you believe it was only written with two fingers?

Yep! It's true.. J.R.R. Tolkien used to type with two fingers and he had written the entire Lord of The Rings Trilogy of 1200 pages using just two fingers!



Throughout Term 4, the Year 7 English classes will be doing a study of newspapers and media.

We took the liberty of creating a display for the Year 7's in the library, showcasing different media platforms and topics that they will be researching.

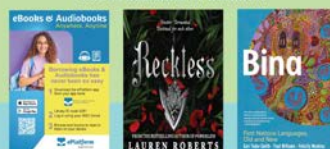


LIBRARY LOVE

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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Log in to the eBook platform to check out the new books available in October!



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2025 MT BULLER ANNEX PROGRAM ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

2025 INFORMATION GUIDE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

CONTACT ANNA FRANCIS ON 5775 2022 OR EMAIL ANNA.FRANCIS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO RECORD YOUR EOI.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you might be aware, we have had the School Dental Program - 'Smile Squad' - attend our school to give the students information on good dental health, undertake dental examinations and, where required, organise follow-up treatment. While the program is voluntary, many of you consented for your child/children to participate in the Smile Squad program. To better understand the delivery of the Smile Squad program including benefits and challenges, an independent firm (Abt Global) has been engaged to evaluate the program. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience of the program. If you didn't consent for your child/children to participate in Smile Squad, they are also keen to hear from you. The evaluation team want to understand why you chose not to participate. So, whether you participated or not, this is an opportunity to provide feedback so that improvements can be made to the Smile Squad program. To participate in the evaluation, you can complete a confidential 5-10-minute survey. The survey does not require you to provide any information to the evaluation team that identifies you, however the survey does ask what school your child/children attend.

Please click on the following link to access the survey:
https://abtassoc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf6YJUMs3NkfHwM

We encourage you to participate in this short survey and provide valuable feedback on Smile Squad. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback to the evaluation team, please contact Eleanor at smilesquad_eval@abtglobal.com



Mansfield
MEDICAL CLINIC

Trainee Medical Receptionist Expressions of Interest

Mansfield Medical Clinic and Mansfield Integrated Health Service is a busy, energetic rural practice which excels in providing high quality Medical & Allied Health Care to our local community and region.

We are seeking potential front-of-house applicants who may be interested in a Trainee Medical Receptionist role within our tightly knit and highly regarded team. Initially viewed as a Junior Traineeship role, for the right person there will be the potential to transition into a permanent clinic role.

The Reception position is responsible for providing high level reception duties and administrative support in a professional, caring and friendly manner to our patients, doctors, allied health providers, nurses and fellow members of the admin team.

To be seriously considered for this role we would like you to possess:

- Some computer and administrative skills
- Initiative and willingness to learn
- Ability to work alone or in a team environment
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Commitment to preserving privacy and confidentiality at all times (Mandatory)

A Position Description is available on request and full on-the-job training will be provided.

Please email your letter of application and a CV to:
hr@mansfieldclinic.com.au - FAO Joe Anka
Or drop in to:
49 Highett St Mansfield 3722



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**STUDENT/
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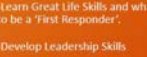
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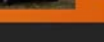
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 -Develop Leadership Skills
 -Make a positive impact on the community



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.



2025 CITIZEN AWARDS NOW OPEN

Mansfield Shire Council's annual awards provide all Shire residents with the opportunity to pay tribute to our outstanding local achievers. Acknowledging someone through a Nomination can make a lasting impact. Nominations will be accepted until COB Monday 18 November 2024.

Nomination forms can be collected from the Library or the municipal office at 33 Highbury Street, Mansfield. They can also be submitted online by visiting the Council's website www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/CitizenAwards

Please contact Council's EA Mayor & CEO, Lisa Fricke on 5775 8516 if you have any questions.

ROSEHAVEN'S
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SUNDAY
10TH
NOVEMBER

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WHAT'S ON:
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EMAIL: elaine.irwin46@gmail.com

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