

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assessment and Feedback:

During the year your child undertakes various assessments. Feedback is provided to our students and these assessments are uploaded to Compass, under 'Learning Tasks', so that parents can monitor their child's progress. These Learning Tasks can be viewed via Compass, however, to view the associated Learning Task Rubrics that accompany the teachers feedback you will need to view these through a web browser.

The next round of Progress Reports will be available for viewing on Compass on Friday 23rd May. These Progress Reports have to be viewed via a web browser.

Please call the School Office if you need assistance viewing the Learning Tasks or the Progress Reports.

Victorian Careers Expo:

Students from Year 10 to Year 12 travelled to Melbourne this week for the Victorian Careers Expo. This expo allows students to explore various careers opportunities and to learn about different universities and what they offer. Seminars were also available in relation to study skills and exam preparation.

For Year 10 students, in particular, this will be beneficial when they begin looking at their educational pathway for Year 11 and 12 during course counselling, scheduled for the end of the term.

Student Events:

There has been a lot going on at school over the last few weeks:

- Our school captains represented the school at the ANZAC day ceremony, both laying a wreath and having significant spoken parts in the service. I particularly commend Connor McFadden's preamble to the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae, outlining how the poem is important to him.
- Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies (OES) students spent three days canoeing on Lake Eildon.
- The College's Cross Country run was held. We are grateful to the Harris family for continuing to support the school with access to their property. Congratulations to the age group champions and to Delatite house for their win.



CALENDAR

Week 5

Tue 20/5 - Round Robin

Wed 21/5 - 23/5 - AVC Mt Howitt Hike

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

Week 6

Tue 27/5 - VCE Music Concert 7pm in the PAC

Wed 28/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Thu 29/5 - NEV Art Excursion

Fri 30/5 - Southern Ranges Cross Country

Week 7

Wed 4/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Week 8

Mon 9/6 - King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tue 10/6 - Fri 13/5 - Unit 1 & Yr 10 Exams

Wed 11/6 - Snowsports Information Evening 5:30pm

Wed 11/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Week 9

Mon 16/6 - Unit 1 & Yr 10 Exams

Tue 17/6 - Curriculum Day, **no students onsite**

Tue 17/6 - GAT for VCE & VCE VM U3&4 students

Wed 18/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Fri 20/6 - Yr 9/10 H&FA First Aid Course

Week 10

Mon 23/6 - VET First Aid Course

Mon 23/6 - Wed 25/6 - Year 12 VM Camp

Wed 25/6 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Fri 27/6 - Year 9/10 Drama & Music Production

Week 11

Mon 30/6 - Fri 4/7 - Year 10 Work Experience Week

Wed 2/7 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 4/7 - Last day Term 2, 2:30pm dismissal

**CALLING
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WE NEED YOU!

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



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From The Principal (continued)

- Year 9 students were fortunate to have had the opportunity to engage with Flourish Journey (girls) and The Man Cave (boys). The rites of passage as young adolescents are well noted at our school, and our thanks go particularly to the wellbeing team for helping students navigate and make sense of their self-development. Please see the following links for more information on both programs:
<https://www.theflourishjourney.org/>, <https://themancave.life/programs/>
- Year 7 students went to Scienceworks in Melbourne to extend their science education with access to technology and experiences that complement what they are learning at school.
- Year 11 students in the VCE-Vocational Major program went to Glenrowan to learn about local history at the Kelly Gang museum and interpretive centre.
- Our Year 9 – 12 Indonesian students went to Melbourne to engage with cultural and language activities to broaden their understanding. The middle-school class was supported by a number of senior students who assisted them in the program.

Exams:

Year 10 and Unit 1 exams commence on Tuesday 10th June. It is an opportunity to help develop skills needed to best perform under exam conditions. The exams assess student learning progress.

Information Nights:

The 2026 Year 7 Information night was held on Tuesday 29th April for Year 6 primary students transitioning to MSC. We are very proud of our school – if you hear of parents who would like to see the school in action, we are able to run one-on-one tours as needed. Reach out to the School Office to book a tour with Michelle Comerford, our Junior School Coordinator.

Julie Anderson, Senior School Coordinator, held the VCE Information Night on Wednesday 7th May. If you would like further information, reach out to Julie via the School Office.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Introducing 2025 MSC School Council

Parent category

Janine McFadden
Damien Gerrans
Rachel Wolfe
Kim Lockyer - NEW
Luke Olver - NEW
Steve Klingsporm - NEW

Student category

Connor McFadden
Amanda Duhamel

DET employee category

Timothy Hall
Zoe Christie
Jen Wenlock
Naima Crisp - NEW
Kako Black - NEW

Co-opted community members category

Arthur Gerrans
Astrid Singleton
Kate Stonnill (was 2024 Parent category & President)

Thank you to outgoing members

Cameron Dobson (Parent)
Paul Fitz-Gerald (DET employee)
Anna Francis (DET employee)

Unit 1/2 OES

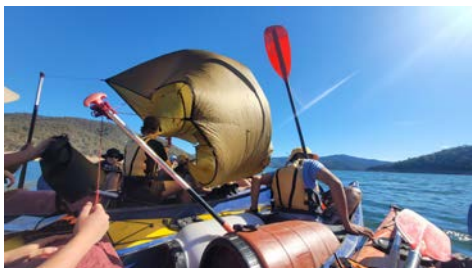
The Outdoor Education students spent three days canoeing on Lake Eildon earlier this term. The weather was beautiful with tail winds on the first day, then glassy conditions for the remainder of the trip which provided perfect conditions for paddling. The students have been exploring different land management and uses, and this trip gave the perfect opportunity for exploring these in person as well as sharing stories and games with their peers around the campfire.

At the end of last term, we spent a day Mountain Biking at Mt Buller. For some this was their first time riding single track and provided an opportunity for more experienced riders to improve their skills.

Big thank you to Nigel Kain and Naima Crisp for giving your time to be on the trips with the students.

Haydn Murrell

OES Teacher



Cross Country

A 47-year tradition continued this term for MSC with the annual running of the school cross country at the 'Circle', the property of the Harris family. We continue to appreciate the accessibility given and value the continued relationship between us.

On a beautiful Autumn day the students tracked across to the venue and readied themselves to race or participate. It is worth the run to the top of the gruelling climb to observe the natural beauty of the town with its glorious vantage point. For the serious runners this is a great test of real cross country running with conditions to test your ability. Each age group was hotly contested and the top 10 of each age group race will proceed to Yea on Friday 30th May to compete at the next level.

Below are the age group Champions who won the day and a big congratulations to Delatite who won the shield.

Age group winners included:

18-20yr: Estelle O'Neill, Max Campbell

17yr: Ava Mahoney, Noah Whittall

16yr: Maddie Clarke, Henry Banks

15yr: Carly Desmond, Zac Hotton

14yr: Franzi Stumpf, Owen Hurlle

12-13yr: Jade Withers, Angus Vasey

Thank you to everyone for their participation and we wish everyone participating in the Southern Ranges the best of luck.

A special thanks to the teachers for ensuring the safe travel of the students and for your invaluable assistance in making the day a success.

Chad Owens

Sports Coordinator



Indonesian Big Day Out Excursion

Before beginning the group activities, we attended an Indonesian restaurant called Kenangan. The name refers to the feeling of reminiscing and to have the feeling of home at the restaurant for those who have moved from Indonesia. It had a great atmosphere with a variety of share plates that we were able to choose from. There was an array of different traditional Indonesian foods to choose from, all suited for different spice levels and dietary requirements.

The Indonesian excursion to Queen Victoria Market allowed us to connect to other students in different year levels during an Indonesian speaking and scavenger hunt activity. Volunteers from Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) took us around the market on quests to find certain things and explain them in Indonesian, such as different foods and other items. We took turns talking to each other and the members of the AIYA in Indonesian which was a great confidence booster for speaking to other people outside of the classroom.

Dylan Wilson - Year 12 student

We got onto the bus and we headed to Melbourne. We met up with the amazing people from AIYA and we headed to an Indonesian restaurant for lunch. We then split up into three groups and did a scavenger hunt around the Queen Vic markets. We then had an hour of free time to go shopping and to look around the markets. We came home and we all had a great day. Thank you to all our amazing teachers who made the day possible.

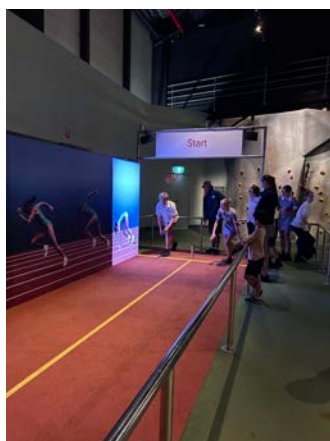
Taylor Jordan - Year 9 student



Year 7 Scienceworks Excursion

On the 6th of May, Mansfield Secondary Collage's Year 7s went on an excursion to Scienceworks in Melbourne. We got on the bus at 8:45, chattering about the experience ahead. Some looked forward to the sporting section, some the Planetarium, but we all looked forward to something about this amazing opportunity. The journey to Melbourne was one filled with laughter, singing and air buzzing with excitement. When the bus arrived, we were in awe of how big Scienceworks was. The teachers checked our names off and we made sure not to leave anything on the bus, then we were off! After we put our bags away, we went straight up to Beyond Perception. We spent about half an hour giggling, controlling little fans, making projections on a post, swirling colours and reading about all these visual effects. After that, the teachers herded us up again, and walked us over to Sportsworks, where there were a whole lot of things to interact with. Things that tell you your height, how fast you run, how good your peripheral vision is, how hard you throw and so much more. After spending close to 45 minutes there, we walked outside to have lunch. After our lunch boxes were empty and our stomachs full, we gathered again to make our way to the Planetarium. Just outside the Planetarium, there was a blow-up model of the Moon, in which we could see the side of the Moon you never see from Earth. Once inside, the guide explained that we would be seeing only stars and constellations in the Southern Hemisphere, as that is where we are. First, he talked us through the constellations we know (Southern Cross, Scorpius, Carina and so on), then he projected the Aboriginal stories and constellations. The whole time in the Planetarium was breathtaking, the detail, the snake we 'went through' (it looked like the snake ate us, and it was awesome), and just getting to see all the stars. After the Planetarium, we made our way back to the bus. The journey home was a lot quieter, with half the bus asleep, tired from the excitement throughout the journey.

Vasilina Kuznetsova – Year 7 student



Year 9/10 Drama

Our students have been exceptionally busy rehearsing their Monologue performances and their group performance over the last few weeks. The students will be performing their monologues on Tuesday 20th May to their parents in the PAC. We have a variety of scripts that have been chosen by students completing this unit for the first time, from scripts from movies like 'Finding Nemo' and 'Taken', to scripts about school, or personal dilemma. Students in their second year of completing this unit have used VCE prompts to write their own scripts. It will be an entertaining afternoon of performance for their parents.

Coming up in June, look out for the class's performance of 'Infected'. This is their group performance, and they have been working extremely hard on it.

'Infected' is the story of a group of kids who survive a mass infection that befalls their town. Some of the survivors band together to protect their sleeping parents, while others decide to join a group that looks after themselves while having as much fun as possible. The tribe that looks after the Parents struggles as many kids defect to the tribe that is headed by the mysterious Deacon because of promises of food and fun.

There will be a public performance of this show on Friday 27th June at 7.00pm, tickets on sale soon

Anna Gage

Drama Teacher



Celebrating Harmony Week

Harmony Week, celebrated towards the end of the first term, focuses on inclusiveness, respect, and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. During this week, Australians wear orange to support cultural diversity and an inclusive society. The event highlights the contributions of migrants, who bring their own cultural and religious traditions to Australia. According to the 2021 ABS Census data, over half (51.5%) of Australian residents were born overseas or have at least one parent who was, showcasing the country's multicultural makeup.

Short presentations were delivered in some Homegroups about Harmony Day and its importance in Australia.

Staff celebrated Harmony Week with morning tea. Several staff members bought foods from countries they have a connection with.

We had 'Sacher Torte', a decadent chocolate cake with apricot filling. This is named after the Hotel Sacher in Vienna, Austria.

The brigadeiro is one of Brazil's most iconic sweets. It was created in the 1940s and named after a military officer, Brigadeiro Eduardo Gomes.

Lahmacun, a thin, delicious Armenian dessert was also bought for us to enjoy. We had soda bread and tea from Ireland and ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons and vegemite sandwiches from Australia.

What a great way to learn about other cultures!

Chris Nicholls

Adolescent Health Nurse





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The Man Cave

On 30th April, Year 9 boys at Mansfield Secondary College participated in The Man Cave, a transformative program designed to support emotional literacy, mental health awareness, and personal growth in young men. The results were nothing short of powerful—both in the statistics and the students' own words.

The Man Cave creates a safe, respectful space where boys can reflect on their values, challenge gender stereotypes, and connect authentically with their peers. When asked how the session impacted them, many students spoke about the experience of being heard and the realisation that they are not alone. One student shared, "It impacted me by seeing what people are going through and how similar they are to mine." Another commented on the realisation that, "I'm not the only one going through stuff."

The program's impact was evident in measurable changes. After participating, 94% of students reported feeling more aware of their own emotions, up from 81%. Confidence in expressing those emotions in a healthy way rose from 69% to 88%. Notably, students' awareness of where to seek professional help increased from 73% to 91%, and the number who felt comfortable asking school staff for help jumped from 50% to 82%.

Encouragingly, students are leaving with a greater sense of empathy and responsibility. One student reflected, "I want to support my friends or family if they are struggling," while another said, "I'll ask people if they are really OK and express myself."

The program also explored how gender stereotypes influence young men's emotional development. After the session, 94% reported understanding the impact of these stereotypes, and 100% expressed motivation to grow into healthier individuals.

Brad Freind

Wellbeing Coordinator

Flourish Journey

The Flourish Girl program took place recently with the Year 9 girls. This youth-informed, evidence-based initiative is designed to foster self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and empathy, helping participants build meaningful connections—with themselves, their peers, families, and communities—in a safe and supportive environment.

Our facilitator, Mae, was exceptional in engaging with the students. She brought diverse life experiences, serving as an inspiring role model for all the girls. The day featured interactive modules and activities that empowered students with valuable tools for discussing important topics such as body image and judgment.

The Body Image module explored the factors that influence body perception, provided practical strategies to cultivate self-confidence and encouraged diversity through shared experiences. The Managing Judgments module guided the students in examining how judgments and labels shape perspectives, transforming negativity through self-compassion, and fostering empathy by recognizing and addressing biases.

It was reassuring to see many of the girls share similar feelings, strengthening their sense of connection. Opening up in such a supportive environment made the experience even more meaningful, reminding everyone that they weren't alone. The enthusiastic participation of all the girls enriched the discussions, creating an open and honest space where everyone felt heard.

Trish Marks

Youth Worker

We are extremely proud of our Year 9 students for embracing this opportunity with openness and courage. We thank the facilitators for their guidance and support delivered throughout the programs. Programs like this are a vital part of building a school culture where emotional wellbeing is valued, supported, and strengthened for every student.

Brad Freind & Trish Marks

Unit 1 and Year 10 Exam Timetable

Time	Tuesday 10 June	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	Friday 13 June	Monday 16 June
9:00 - 10:40	Year 10 English			Unit 1 Health & Human Development	
	Unit 1 Physical Education	Year 10 Science	Year 10 Humanities	Unit 1 Art Creative Practice	Unit 1 General Maths
	Year 10 Literacy (class)	Unit 1 Indonesian	Unit 1 Psychology	Unit 1 Math Methods	Unit 1 Foundation Maths
				Distance Education 2	
11:50 - 1:30		Unit 1 Chemistry	Unit 1 Biology	Unit 1 Literature	Year 10 Maths
	Unit 1 English	Unit 1 Modern History	Unit 1 Legal Studies	Unit 1 Food Studies	Unit 1 Physics
		Distance Education 1	Unit 1 Outdoor & Environmental Studies	Unit 1 Business Management	Year 10 Numeracy (class)

GAT timetable

Tuesday 17 June

Section A: Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy

9:00–9:15 am Reading time

9:15–11:15 am Writing time to complete Section A, which has:

- one writing task with 2 parts
- 50 numeracy multiple-choice questions
- 50 reading multiple-choice questions

Break: 11:15 am–1:15 pm

Section B: General knowledge and skills

1:15–1:30 pm Reading time

1:30–3:00 pm Writing time to complete Section B, which has:

- one extended writing task
- 25 mathematics, science and technology multiple-choice questions
- 25 arts and humanities multiple-choice questions

CAMPS, SPORTS, AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Means-tested concession cards must be valid on the first day of Term 1, 2025 (Tuesday 28 January 2025) or Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

A student aged 16 years and over who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card is also eligible to apply.

Eligible families will receive a payment of \$256 per year for secondary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the School Office on 5775 2022 and ask for an application form. Please return completed application form by **Tuesday 1 July 2025** to the School Office.





STAND AGAINST LGBTQIA+ DISCRIMINATION

IDAHOBIT 2025

Date: Friday, May 16
From 4 pm - 7 pm
Location: 7 Erril Street, Mansfield
Flag raising at 5.30 pm
Woodfired pizza

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43 Highett Street, Mansfield - 7:00PM to 8:30PM



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2025

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SUNDAY MAY 25TH

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COMPETITION STARTING 10:00AM

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Girls Workshop (12-17yo)

Friday 30th May - 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Women Only Workshop

Saturday 31st May - 9am to 12pm

All Welcome Workshop

Saturday 14th June - 9am to 12pm

• All workshops are \$45 per person

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