

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Wednesday Snowsports:

The snow quality at Mt Buller has been holding up and we have been sending about 115 students up there each Wednesday. The Snowsports program has been running since the 1960's and is an integral part of our school life. My understanding is that Mt Beauty Secondary College has the only snow program that rivals ours – not even private sector schools have the same degree of access and participation that we enjoy. We leverage participation in the Snowsports program against completion of school work and attention to uniform. I remind students that attendance in the Wednesday Snowsports program is not a 'given' and that they need to keep up to date with their school work.

Mt Buller Annex:

Also making the most of winter on the mountain are the students attending Mt Buller Annex. These students are participating in an athlete development pathway and are engaged in a dedicated academic curriculum that complements their on-snow training. Students at the Annex train in the mornings and attend school in the afternoon (1-5pm). For families interested in accessing information about the Annex, I refer you to the documentation on the school website – it is a unique opportunity for students.

OES & AVC:

Continuing with the outdoor theme, students from both Outdoor and Environmental Studies and Adventure Challenge have been participating in cross-country skiing at Mt Stirling. The curriculum for OES looks at the connection between people and place and the impact of development on ecosystems.

Exchange Students:

We welcome three exchange students this term:

- Justine Demoor comes to us from France with the support of Rotary International. Justine is currently staying with the Alexander family, but there are a range of hosts working with her during her 12 month stay. Welcome Justine!
- Nameera Aisa and Muhammad Hilmanasyah are both Indonesian nationals sponsored by IndoAustay for their six week program. Nameera is staying with the Stevenson family, while Muhammad is spending his time with the Crockett family.

Curriculum Day:

This week we were grateful, as a staff cohort, to have time together to refine our assessment and reporting processes. We used the Curriculum Day to focus on our feedback structures, aiming to improve consistency across the College.

CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 5

Wed 14/8 - Fri 16/8 - OES Mt Buller to Mt Stirling Ski Trip

Fri 16/8 - Unit 2 Biology Ecolinc Excursion

Week 6

Mon 19/8 - Round Robin

Tue 20/8 - Year 11VM Active Volunteering at MPS

Tue 20/8 - Year 9/10 HPE Local Gym Visit

Wed 21/8 - Week 6 Snowsports Program

Wed 21/8 - Payment due for Week 7 Snowsports

Wed 21/8 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 22/8 - Book Week Dress Up Day

Thu 22/8 - Year 9/10 HPE Local Gym Visit

Fri 23/8 - Year 11VM VET Active Volunteering with Landcare

Week 7

Mon 26/8 - AVC Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing

Tue 27/8 - Year 9/10 HPE Local Gym Visit

Wed 28/8 - Week 7 Snowsports Program

Wed 28/8 - Payment due for Week 8 Snowsports

Wed 28/8 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 29/8 - Year 9/10 HPE Local Gym Visit

Week 8

Tue 3/9 - Unit 4 Music Concert

Tue 3/9 - Year 9/10 HPE Local Gym Visit

Wed 4/9 - Week 8 Snowsports Program

Wed 4/9 - Payment due for Week 9 Snowsports

Wed 4/9 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 5/9 - Year 9/10 HPE Local Gym Visit

Week 9

Wed 11/9 - Week 9 Snowsports Program

Wed 11/9 - Payment due for Week 10 Snowsports

Wed 11/9 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 10

Wed 18/9 - Week 10 Snowsports Program

Wed 18/9 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 20/9 - Last day of term, 2:30pm dismissal

2024 STUDENT FREE DAYS

No students onsite

Monday 4th November

From The Principal (continued)

Year 6 Transition:

Our Grade 6 to Year 7 transition program has been recognised at a state level, with particular attention given to how we address the individual needs of our students. We have recently been welcoming groups of Grade 6 students to the College answering their questions and supporting them to familiarise themselves with the school.

New Classrooms:

As our school continues to grow, we have now reached the point where greater classroom flexibility is desired. We have been successful in securing two new buildings—one supporting our Inclusive Practices Team and the second providing general purpose classrooms. The first of these buildings have arrived this week. We look forward to having a bit more space to house our growing student numbers!

Students in the Community:

There has been a lot of student interaction with the community recently:

- Year 10 students spoke with Mayor Steve Rabie as part of a 'Civics and Citizenship' Unit
- Year 10 students were also involved in a RoadSmart presentation, looking at safe driving
- Year 11 Vocational Major students planted trees with Landcare and visited the SES
- Music students performing at 'Rock on the Rocks', starring both Astrid Singleton and the Year 9 band
- Year 12 students had a shared lunch, organised by Ms Brooks
- International Youth Day was celebrated with games and a sausage sizzle, supported by the youth team at Mansfield Shire Council

We have a great school, supported by great staff, and the opportunities for our young people are outstanding.

All the best for the next few weeks of term.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Mt Buller Annex

We have had another fantastic week up here at the Annex and I cannot believe we are at the end of week 4 already.

Last week we delved further into our studies on Electricity, Global Ski Tourism, Ski and Snowboard Boot Manufacture and Environmental Impact of Ski Resorts.

We have just completed the first of two sessions with Mt Buller Ski Patrol. We were in base looking at CPR, Defib use, bandaging wounds and what to do with breaks and fractures. Next week we will be skiing around with Ski Patrol looking at risk assessment on the mountain and some survival skills, visiting the water treatment plant and the CFA the week after as part of our Mountain Infrastructure unit.

Sam Magree

Mt Buller Annex Teacher



School for Student Leadership Update

Our six Year 9 students have been at the Marlo campus for the School for Student Leadership for four weeks now. They have settled into the daily routines and responsibilities with early 6:30am wake up calls and 9:30pm bedtimes being the regular routine at Marlo. They've been surfing, mountain biking and even had a bush dance. The students had a visiting guest speaker talk about leadership qualities and being an effective team member. They have started to plan their Community Learning Project which they will action when they return home. One critical part of their weekly schedule is Recharge Day, where they can engage in activities of their choice like fishing, surfing, reading, volleyball or cooking to recharge and reflect. They are approaching the half-way mark of the nine week program and the students are excited for their upcoming family visit day.

Jen Wenlock

Year 9 Coordinator



Mansfield Secondary College Shines in NAPLAN

We are pleased to share the outstanding results of our students in the recent NAPLAN assessments. Our results outperform similar schools in all key areas: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy.

These results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our students and staff. We are especially proud to highlight the achievements of several students who have excelled across various domains, receiving certificates of achievement:

- Astrid Jackman – Exceeding standard for Reading
- Zac Hotton – Exceeding standard for Numeracy
- Abi Heron – Exceeding standard for Reading
- Emma Gove – Exceeding standard for Reading and Numeracy
- Tristan Fox – Exceeding standard for Reading and Numeracy
- Finley Dunsmore – Exceeding standard for Reading
- Lillian Currie – Exceeding standard for Reading
- Jota Andrijwesky – Exceeding standard for Reading



These students have demonstrated exceptional skills and commitment, setting a high bar for academic excellence at our school. Well done!

We believe in nurturing the potential of each student, and these results reflect our commitment to providing a supportive and rich learning environment. We congratulate all our students on their achievements and look forward to continued success in the future.

Janessa Burkhardt

Assistant Principal

Hume Region Senior Basketball

Having secured their spots after the last Round Robin event, the senior boys and girls basketball sides competed at Shepparton Stadium on Tuesday 30th July and both performed well.

The girls started the ball rolling with a convincing win over Notre Dame 21-6 and looked cohesive and dangerous when heading down court. Molly Judge and Jaspa Robinson were shooting and rebounding well while Brianna Weight, Demi Murray and Stella Brakels provided the entries.

Tallangatta were next on their list and this side looked out of its depth as the MSC girls ran amok scoring 54-7, trying incredibly hard to get Danae Avgerinou to score!

So, they went into the final against Catholic College Wodonga and the scene was set for a tight showing, and that's exactly what took place. The girls led at half time and CCW looked frazzled as this MSC side circled to take the crown.

When they started the second half the legs looked gone and CCW started to get their passing game going shifting the girls around the court then heading to the net.

In the end CCW took control and ran out 54-23 victors, but not before being made to earn their win. Thanks to coach Jess Dolling who guided her troops and kept them going right to the end.



The boys had a similar story.

They only had 5 players for the competition, as we lost some with illness on the day, but after a tight tussle in the first game against the Shepparton Christian College, 35-32 the engine got going.

The boys went tall with Max Watson, Sam Guppy, Mitch Adams, Sachin Pigdon and Max Campbell being the tallest MSC team I've seen go through with an average height of 190cm, and their skill level was that of a point guard!

In game 2 the rebounds were gobbled up, and down the court went a sea of MSC jerseys where scoring was evenly shared, which was a highlight of their playing. Watto made some 3 pointers and Gupps drove to the net while Max kept sides guessing with his passing game. Sachin is learning the game and has a high ceiling, while Mitch's smack talk keeps everyone on edge! Mansfield 54, Rutherglen 24.

The final against Galen was tight early, but the legs became heavy after no chance for a break all comp and it began to show. We would go down and miss while they managed 3 pointer after 3 pointer, and it began to be beyond the lads to stay with them. Final score Galen 54, MSC 32.

Both sides received a runner up flag for the Region and as usual we punched way above our weight against the bigger school.

Well Done all!

Christian Thomson

Sports Coordinator

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Addison Wadsworth for her participation in the Special Olympics National Winter Games at Mt Buller where she secured a Silver Medal in the Alpine Female Intermediate Division.

Photo courtesy of Special Olympics Australia



Year 11 VET

SES Excursion

On Tuesday 16th July the Year 11 VET students had the great opportunity to visit the local State Emergency Service (SES) unit, and what an eye-opening experience it was!

Our students were greeted warmly by the SES volunteers, who eagerly shared their knowledge and experiences with us. The visit began with an engaging presentation where students learned about the essential roles the SES plays in our community. From disaster response to rescue operations and community education, it was clear how vital their work is.

One of the highlights of the visit was the hands-on experience. Students had the chance to explore various SES equipment, including rescue vehicles, first aid kits, and communication tools. We even got to witness a car being pulled apart by the jaws of life.

This visit was not only educational but also inspiring. It gave our students a firsthand look at the dedication and courage of those who serve our community during times of need.

We would like to extend our thanks to the SES unit for their time and effort in making this visit a memorable and educational experience for our students. We hope this experience will encourage our students to appreciate the importance of emergency services and perhaps inspire some of them to consider volunteering in the future.



Landcare Volunteering

Our Year 11 VET students have recently joined forces with Landcare to provide much-needed maintenance to our local Rail Trail. This initiative was a great example of community service and environmental stewardship in action.

Last Friday, a group of enthusiastic students, equipped with gloves, tools, and a strong sense of purpose, met with Landcare volunteers to tackle various tasks along the Rail Trail. Their efforts included mulching and planting native vegetation, all aimed at enhancing the Trail's natural beauty and ensuring its sustainability for future use.

The day was not only productive but also incredibly rewarding. Students left with a sense of accomplishment and a stronger connection to their community. It was inspiring to see them work so diligently and enthusiastically, demonstrating their commitment to making a positive impact.

We would like to thank Landcare for supporting our Year 11 VET students in their volunteer unit. We look forward to more opportunities for our students to engage in community service and continue making meaningful contributions.

Kristy Archibald

VET Teacher



Year 10 Humanities Students Visit Mansfield Shire Council: A Lesson in Active Citizenship

As part of their ongoing unit on Civics and Citizenship, our Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit the Mansfield Shire Council Offices on Monday 12th August. This excursion offered students a firsthand look at local government in action and provided valuable insights into the workings of their community.

During the visit, the students were warmly welcomed by Councillor Steve Rabie, the Mayor of Mansfield Shire. Councillor Rabie shared his experiences in local government and provided an overview of current council projects and priorities. Among the topics discussed were the planned improvements to the local pool, the maintenance and development of our road infrastructure, and the new emergency response centre aimed at enhancing community safety.

Students engaged enthusiastically with the session, posing a range of thoughtful questions to Councillor Rabie. They inquired about the decision-making process behind the projects, the challenges the council faces, and how local residents can get involved in shaping their community. The mayor was impressed by the students' curiosity and their commitment to understanding the responsibilities and privileges of active citizenship.

This visit not only reinforced the students' classroom learning but also encouraged them to see themselves as integral members of their local community. By engaging with real-world issues and understanding how they can contribute to the local community, students are developing the skills and attitudes necessary to become informed and active citizens.



Year 10 Students Engage with Road Safety through Road Smart Interactive Incursion

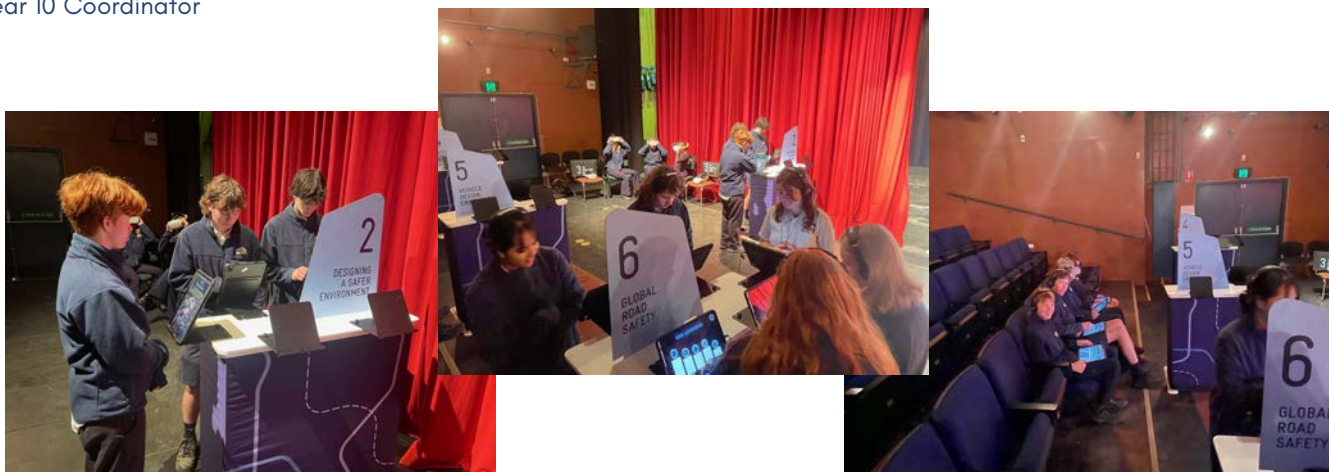
On Friday, 9th August, Year 10 students participated in the Road Smart Interactive Incursion, an innovative road safety education program run by Museums Victoria. Held in the Performing Arts Centre, the program offered students a highly engaging and immersive experience designed to enhance their understanding of road safety and their role in reducing road trauma.

Highlights from the day included the use of VR headsets, which allowed students to immerse themselves in realistic road scenarios.

The Road Smart Interactive Incursion was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 students to engage with road safety in a meaningful and impactful way. The feedback from students has been positive, and we are grateful to Museums Victoria for bringing this valuable program to our school.

Julian Perry

Year 10 Coordinator

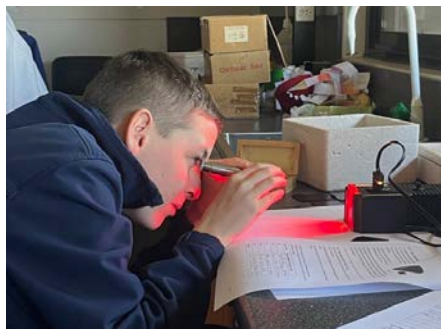


Year 8 Science

The current unit of study in Science for Year 8s is "Waves of Light and Sound". The students have been learning all about how light waves travel, dispersion of white light into its component colours, and how we detect and 'see' light. Here the students can be seen investigating colour using Hudson light boxes, filters and spectroscopes as part of their common assessment task. Recently the students had the opportunity to complete a dissection of a bull's eye. By looking through the extracted lens they learned that images arrive at the brain upside down, which, in turn, puts them right side up. In the coming lessons they will begin exploring sound waves and hearing.

Katrina Fox

Science Teacher



Student Health

Get the facts about vaping




What are your kids breathing in?

Vapes are not safer than cigarettes



There are no quality or safety standards for vapes



Vapes can have addictive nicotine, toxic metals and many different chemicals



What it does to your body:

Vaping can cause vomiting, nausea, coughing, shortness of breath, mouth irritation and asthma



Chemicals in vapes can cause lung damage, heart disease and cancers



Nicotine harms the brain development of children and teenagers



Young people who vape are more than three times more likely to move onto smoking cigarettes



Talk to your kids about the risks of smoking and vaping

- Contact Quit at quit.org.au or phone **13 78 48**
- Visit the Royal Children's Hospital website rch.org.au and search 'vaping'

• Scan the QR code for more information



vapingfacts.org.au

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Research from the [Royal Children's Hospital](http://www.rch.org.au) shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping. The resources include advice about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support.

To access the resources, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>

You can also view [this video](#) on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.

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Mansfield SC DRESS UP DAY

Thursday 22nd August

Children's Book week*

Come dressed as your favourite book character or something magical

Reading is Magic



MATHS HELP

Mansfield Secondary College continues to offer Maths Help every Monday during lunchtime from 1:40pm - 2:20pm in S4 and Wednesday after school from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in S4.

Maths Help 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, Mitch Ely at mitchell.ely@education.vic.gov.au or 5775 2022.

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5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce **good, online habits** such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about **hard to have conversations** will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can **download** a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. **Taming the technology** can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on **devices and accounts** or in **social media, games and apps**.

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's **App checklist for parents** to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use **The eSafety guide** to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost **How to encourage good screen practices for your child**.

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Young Drivers Program: Cool Heads Initiative

Cool Heads is a thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers.

Join us for our next program:

7:00pm – 9:00pm, Wednesday 28 August, 2024
Benalla Saints Football & Netball Club,
Lakeside Community Centre Benalla Showgrounds

Enquiries:

Leading Senior Constable Atkinson (03) 5760 0200

Secure your spot and register via the QR Code



Or visit: eventbrite.com.au/e/coolheads-young-driver-program-benalla-tickets-924950561027

If an Attendance Certificate is required, please register at the CoolHeads Desk prior to taking your seat.

Safe driving for life – It's all about attitude



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POTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$1000 Value includes:

- 8 Hour Master Potter workshop with award winning potter Fleur Schell
- Dinner & Master potter presentation
- Breakfast & Master potter presentation
- Pottery pack from MAD Potters
- 1 year membership to MAD Potters (18+) including studio access
- Invitation to Poets of Pottery opening
- Selling opportunity through MAD Potters at Mansfield Pottery Market

3 Scholarships

- Mansfield Secondary College
- Mansfield Steiner School
- Open Call by Submission

Scholarships open to ages 12 – 25



Further Information



An Australian Government Initiative

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Be a friend to an older member of your community



Here at Elder Rights Advocacy, we know the power of a cuppa and a chat.

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