



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter



Year 7 students on their first day!

From The Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Mansfield Secondary College! We value the partnership we share with parents and guardians, and we look forward to achieving with your children the strong results we traditionally generate. Particularly, welcome to our new students, including our intake of 77 Year 7 students.

College newsletters give students, parents and alumni a peek into what's going on at the College. Published twice each term, they complement the ongoing communication that is delivered through our student management program 'Compass'. The link for Compass can be found here: <https://mansfieldsc-vic.compass.education> All new families have received a welcome email from Compass. Please contact the School Office if you have any questions.

Students in the community:

It is great to see our past and present students out and about, contributing to our community. I recognise, in particular;

- Arthur Gerrans, current school captain and representing the College as the Australia Day Ambassador for Mansfield
- Selina Green and Mikhela Leitch, representing our school whilst on exchange over summer to Indonesia.

I really enjoy watching the way our young people grow and flourish in our community and beyond. It is one of the reasons I love being involved in education.

Victorian Certificate of Education results:

You will have seen some of our students' academic results from last year in various publications. Again we out-performed our neighbourhood schools, including many of the local private schools.

CALENDAR

Week 3

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

Week 4

Mon 17/2 - Swimming Carnival

Tue 18/2 - Fri 21/2 - Smile Squad Dental Van on site

Wed 19/2 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 19/2 - Meet & Greet BBQ 5pm - 6pm

Wed 19/2 - Thur 20/2 - AVC Mt Stirling Hike

Week 5

Mon 24/2 - School Photos

Tue 25/2 - Southern Ranges Swimming

Wed 26/2 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 26/2 - OES Lake Nillahcootie Canoe Day

Week 6

Wed 5/3 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 7

Mon 10/3 - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tue 11/3 - School Photo back up day

Wed 12/3 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 12/3 - Fri 14/3 - NAPLAN

Fri 14/3 - Hume Region Swimming

Week 8

Mon 17/3 - NAPLAN

Wed 19/3 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 19/3 - Fri 21/3 - Year 11 Kinglake Camp

Week 9

Wed 26/3 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm



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Below is a selection of the results, as published in The Age in December.

	Study Scores =>40 (State average ~ 6.4%)	Median Study Score
Cathedral College	4.5%	29
Euroa SC	2.8%	26
FCJ Benalla	1.1%	28
Galen College Wangaratta	3.5%	28
Mansfield SC	6.3%	29

The 'percentage of scores above 40' gives an indication of the proportion of high-performing students. The 'median study score' gives an indication of how the group has performed on average.

I acknowledge the excellent results of our students and commend both school staff and students on their efforts throughout the educational journey. We do, however, always look for growth and pathways provision. That is, as a result of our work, are students learning and are they able to achieve their next steps?

School Council Vacancies:

School council is the governing body of the College. We normally meet on the fourth Monday of the month, for about 2 ½ hours. School council manages the finances of the College, sets strategy and direction, and supports the grounds maintenance and fundraising efforts. Membership provides a great opportunity to see 'inside' the College. Positions on the council are filled by parents, teachers, students and community representatives. In the parent category we have vacancies for three positions of two years tenure and one vacancy for a tenure of one year.

In the student category we have a vacancy for a single position of two years tenure. You might like to talk to your child about being involved in this way. We have a long history of student involvement on school council – they are full members and have a significant input into the direction of the school.

Nominations close on Monday 17th February at 4 pm, with elections to be held after this. Nomination forms are available from the School Office.

New Staff:

It has been great to watch our new staff engage with our community. As a growing school, we have worked hard to obtain high quality staff to join us and our new staff have settled in well and are making a difference for our kids. I encourage you to attend the Parent-Teacher-Student interviews at the end of term and to reach out for a conversation with the teachers if you need support at any time.

Changes at the College for 2025:

For returning students and parents, there are some obvious changes which have occurred for this year:

- We have a new Senior School team, under the leadership of Julie Anderson – Senior School Coordinator. Ms Anderson is well known to us and is working hard with the new team to ensure a smooth transition
- We have two new portable buildings – the growth of the College was planned for in the rebuilding process and we now have in place a double 'general purpose classroom' near the Senior School, and a new Inclusive Practices Hub near the Wellbeing Centre
- The Wellbeing team have moved to the old Integration rooms, giving them more space to provide support to students in new dedicated meetings rooms. The larger space will also improve their capacity to provide lunchtime support to students and to run lunchtime intervention activities.



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Points of Contact:

I remind parents that we are keen to work in partnership with you. Our points of contact are:

- Classroom teacher (for questions about classwork)
- Homegroup teacher (for questions about student learning progress and as an initial contact for wellbeing issues)
- Year Level Coordinator (for issues that arise across a number of classes)
- Wellbeing team (if you need support for your child's health and wellbeing)
- And as always, the School Office can direct your enquiries – 5775 2022 or mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Introducing Key People at MSC

We value the opportunity to work together with you, for the good of all the young people in our community. We encourage you to contact the College promptly if you need support, or need to tell us something about your child.

2025 Year Level Coordinator

Year 7 & Junior School Coordinator – Michelle Comerford (michelle.comerford@education.vic.gov.au)

Year 8 Coordinator – Paul Fitz-Gerald (paul.fitz-gerald@education.vic.gov.au)

Year 9 Coordinator – Jen Wenlock (jennifer.wenlock@education.vic.gov.au)

Year 10 Coordinator – Nigel Kain (nigel.kain@education.vic.gov.au)

Year 11 Coordinator – Alice Burton (alice.burton@education.vic.gov.au)

Year 12 & Senior School Coordinator – Julie Anderson (julie.anderson2@education.vic.gov.au)

Other Key College Personnel

Principal – Timothy Hall

Assistant Principal – Janessa Burkhardt

Assistant Principal – Daniel Hough

Curriculum Coordinator – Julian Perry

Inclusive Education Leading Teacher – Courtney O'Loughlan

Integration Coordinator – Jenny Hearn

Wellbeing Coordinator – Brad Freind (brad.freind@education.vic.gov.au)

Business Manager – Anna Francis (anna.francise@education.vic.gov.au)

ICT Manager – Melanie Kormoczi (melanie.kormoczi@education.vic.gov.au)

For any other enquiries or if you are not sure who you should speak with, please contact the School Office team on 5775 2022 or at mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au

School Drop Off & Pick Up

For the safety of all our students, please avoid using the staff car park located near the School Office when dropping off or picking up your children. Families are encouraged to use the car park at the end of View Street, near the basketball stadium.



Compass

Compass is the College's primary communication portal.

It is very important that parents (and students) have set up their log ins and access this tool regularly.

Accessing Compass:

If you have not logged into Compass and don't know how to, please contact the School Office on 5775 2022 or by email mansfield.sceducation.vic.gov.au. We will send you a 'welcome email' (tip: check your junk mail folder, this initial email may be in there) The Office team can also reset forgotten passwords and advise your family code.

Tips:

- Your username is NOT an email address, it is your family code (for a student, it is their student code) eg.ABC0012
- Download the App on your smartphone, it is very handy for a quick review of a timetable or making an attendance note and turning the Notifications ON means you will be prompted when notes are uploaded (saves you missing notes if you don't access your emails very often)
- Some aspects of Compass are only available/or easier to navigate when using a desktop/laptop, rather than a phone (eg. Progress Reports)

Attendance:

Please ensure that all absences are reported. In Compass, you will be able to track your child's attendance and also notify MSC of any absences.

What can I do through Compass?

View timetables, reports, events/excursions inc payments, book Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews, contact teachers directly, view attendance and order canteen etc.

The Office team can answer most of your Compass queries, if not, we will find out for you!

CSEF & Conveyance Allowance

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend various activities: school camps, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions.

Parents/students holding a means-tested Health Care Card valid on the first day of Term 1 may be eligible. Foster parents and Veterans Affairs cardholders may also be eligible.

Year 7s

Year 7 students that are recipients of the CSEF automatically qualify for the State School Relief uniform package.

CSEF and SSR Forms are available from the School Office. Completed forms, with a copy of your Centrelink Card, should be submitted to the Mansfield Secondary College School Office. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

Conveyance Allowance

If you are an eligible bus traveller and live more than 4.8kms from your closest bus stop, you may be eligible to claim Conveyance Allowance to assist with travel costs.

Forms are available from the School Office. Eligible applicants can either be reimbursed by EFT and paid each term, or your conveyance allowance can be credited to your family account.

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school!

The Smile Squad team from RFDS are coming to MSC on Tuesday 18th February.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

Before any treatment can begin, parent/guardian consent is required.

To sign up to Smile Squad, please visit: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> and submit the consent form by Monday 18th February.



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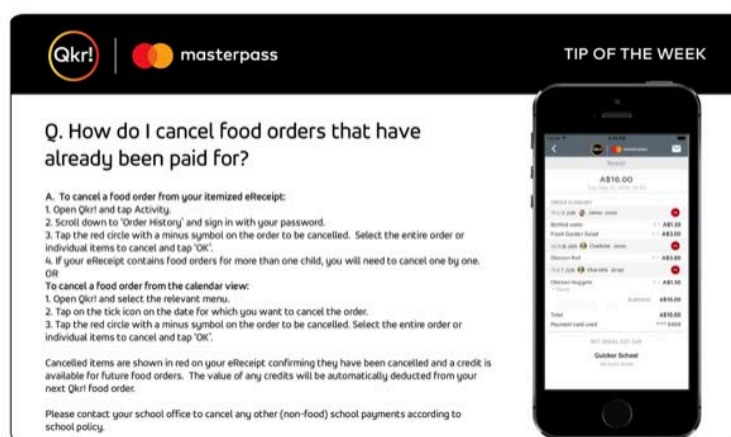
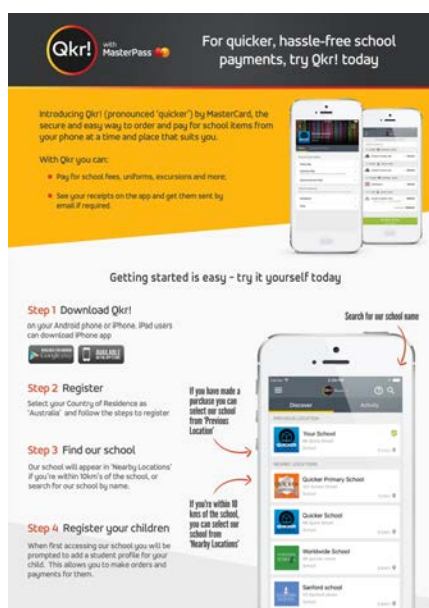


Canteen

Compass will soon be available for canteen orders. Students can still place an order at the canteen during first break for lunch.

Sushi Orders

Sushi orders are available Monday to Friday. Orders must be placed by 5pm the day before delivery via the Qkr! app. Please find instructions below on how to download the Qkr! app and place your order.



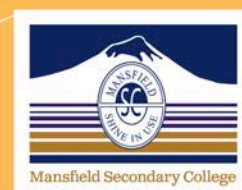
2025 MT BULLER ANNEX

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD
TO ATTEND THE 2025 MT BULLER
ANNEX PROGRAM IN TERM 3,
PLEASE CONTACT ANNA FRANCIS
ON 5775 2022 OR VIA EMAIL:

ANNA.FRANCIS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

2025 INFORMATION GUIDE
IS AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE
FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025



INVITATION

Mansfield Secondary College invite all
new families to a meet and greet BBQ.
Meet College Principals, Year Level
Coordinators and teachers.

When: Wednesday 19th February

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Where: Mansfield Secondary College

RSVP - Friday 14th February to
mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

All 2025 Mansfield Secondary College students are eligible
to receive the \$400 School Saving Bonus.

You should have by now received your email/s from the Department of Education with
your Unique School Saving Bonus Code/s for access to the School Saving Bonus Portal.

You will have received a separate email for each child. If you have not received your
email/s, please contact the school and we will be able to assist you.

- Access and use of the \$400 School Saving Bonus via the portal is available until 30 June 2025 for use on textbooks, uniforms or school activities
- Funds not used as of 30 June 2025, will be directed from the Portal to your child's school account for activities such as camps, sports, and excursions

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office on 5775 2022

For more information about the Bonus, including a
system guide for parents & carers, please refer to :

<https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>

Sat Morning Junior Comp



Sat Morning



Free Coaching Mondays

#NoLimits Girls Squad



Mon & Wed After-School



Adolescent Parenting Online Session

For parents and carers of children aged between 10 and 16 years

What the program covers

- Adolescent development and its impacts
- Understanding emotions and helping to regulate
- Challenges facing adolescents and parents/carers
- Communicate and connect with your teen more effectively
- Problem-solving
- Family values
- Building resilience



About the program

This program focuses on adolescent development, emotional regulation, parent-teen communication, and problem-solving, while fostering resilience and family values to help navigate challenges.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Gateway Health Parenting Team at 0457 279 796 or email parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au.

REGISTER HERE



Upcoming dates

Monday 17th March, Online (Link to be provided), 7pm - 9pm, 2-hour session only.

This is a free program

gatewayhealth.org.au

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SUNDAY MARCH 2

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Email: friendsofgvrtr@gmail.com

HOW MUCH?	
INDIVIDUAL (Adults over the age of 18)	\$25
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (Children under 5 FREE)	\$10
FAMILY (Two adults, two children)	\$55

A CHOICE OF TWO DESTINATIONS:

Maindample return	Start from 9.00AM	28KMS
Bonnie Doon return	Start from 8.30AM	44KMS
Refreshments and sausage sizzle supplied	11.00AM - 12.30PM	

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QUESTIONS: Peter 0418 149 465
Ross 0439 046 199

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2PM-5PM

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Merton-Euroa Road

For more information please contact the
Mansfield Shire Youth team:
youth.services@mansfield.vic.gov.au



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