



MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the last week of Term 3.



Last days for senior students:

In the rhythm of the school year, it is an important time, with our VCE Vocational Major and VCE students nearing the end of their secondary schooling year.

The Year 12 Vocational Major students have just completed their Upcycle Exhibition with part of their assessment focusing around their application of learnt skills to a real context, and the exhibition was the culmination of weeks of project-based learning.

Our academic students are concluding their studies, with just two weeks of classes left when we return for Term 4. The English exam is the first of the major external assessments, occurring on Tuesday 29th October.

During the holidays, the Senior School has organised a range of practice exams and revision opportunities. Our VCE staff are highly committed to the success of our students, and I commend them for the way in which they are structuring revision activities – our staff are our greatest asset.

Some of our students have already been receiving early offers for university courses, particularly from La Trobe, Deakin and Australian National Universities. It is interesting to look at the courses our students are going into, with a strong health-sciences focus this year. Most of the university offers come out in early December, with further rounds through to February, so lots of time to get students organised for their next step. Congratulations to Charlotte Atherton, Arwen Badlan, Charlie Hall, Maddie Maher, Tori Morgan and Quinn Russell for their early offers.

Parent-Teacher-Student (PTS) Interviews:

PTS Interviews for Years 7-10 are occurring this Thursday. Please attend with your young person if possible – the partnership that exists between parent, teacher and student is important. PTS Interviews give a great opportunity to have a discussion with teachers about student learning progress.

If your child's teachers are not available for interviews on the night, you can email them via Compass or reach out to the School Office for further assistance.

Music Ensemble Day:

Our Year 8 Rock Band 'Small Town Gods' has been invited to perform in Wangaratta this week at the North-East Victoria Ensemble Day. It will be a great opportunity for them to showcase their skills and to liaise with other

CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 10

Thu 19/9 - PTS Interviews 4pm - 7pm

Fri 20/9 - Assembly at 1:40pm

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

TERM 4

Week 1

Mon 7/10 - First day of Term 4

Tue 8/10 - Year 8, 9 & 10 Boys Regional Basketball

Tue 8/10 - 2025 Year 7 Information Night - 5:30pm

Wed 9/10 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 10/10 - Hume Region Athletics

Week 2

Mon 14/10 - Clay Target Championships

Tue 15/10 - AVC Paddling Lake William Hovell

Wed 16/10 - Year 7 Homegroup Excursions

Wed 16/10 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 3

Mon 21/10 - 25/10 - Year 8 Rubicon Camp

Tue 22/10 - Year 12 Morning Tea & Student Dress Up

Wed 23/10 - Year 12 Celebration Assembly & Bricklaying Ceremony

Wed 23/10 - Year 7 Homegroup Excursions

Wed 23/10 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 4

Tue 29/10 - Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Regional Basketball

Wed 30/10 - Fri 1/11 - Year 10 Philosophy Camp

Wed 30/10 - Year 7 Homegroup Excursions

Wed 30/10 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Week 5

Mon 4/11 - Curriculum Day - No students onsite

Tue 5/11 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wed 6/11 - Year 7 Homegroup Excursions

Wed 6/11 - AVC Paddling Goulburn River

Wed 6/11 - Uniform Shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

2024 STUDENT FREE DAYS

No students onsite

Monday 4th November



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From The Principal (continued)

students from across the area. We wish them all the best.

Mt Buller:

This snow season we were fortunate to have six great weeks of skiing. We had strong numbers again, with over 160 students registered in the program. Thanks to Ms McConnell for organising the ski program for us.

Also drawing to a close is MSC's Mt Buller Annex. We welcome our students back on site next term, having completed an entire term of learning up at Mt Buller.

The 2025 Mt Buller Annex Information Guide is now available from the School Office and Expressions of Interest are now open. Please contact Anna Francis, Business Manager, via email: anna.francis@education.vic.gov.au or phone 5775 2022 to register your interest.

End of term:

A reminder that term concludes at 2:30pm on Friday 20th September. We wish our families all the best for the term break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 7th of October. If you are travelling during the break, please do so safely.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Snowsports

Blink, and you might've missed it! Even though we had just six weeks of snow, the MSC Wednesday Snowsports Program was fantastic. Our students made the most of every minute, especially those bluebird days!

We witnessed an incredible transformation in our students, from absolute beginners to confidently riding Summit, Little Buller, and Wombat. It's been a real joy to be out there with such a fantastic group of young people, watching them conquer the mountain and grow in so many ways—whether it was mastering linking turns or building stronger friendships. The way they looked after each other out there, encouraging their mates, was something truly special.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the tremendous support of our families, who gave their children the opportunity to participate each week and those who volunteered their time to head to Buller with 100+ Secondary students. The Disabled Winter Sports Association (DWA) also made skiing accessible for a select group of MSC students. Finally, a massive shout-out to Chelsea in the office for keeping everything organised behind the scenes and who also learnt to ski this year!

Let's not forget our inter-school team, who achieved some fantastic results. Many of our teams also went on to represent MSC at a national level at Perisher. MSC competes against schools that partake in seasonal programs and intensive race training. Our students represent our school with a high level of skill and professionalism.

Here's hoping for even more snow next year—bring on those 10 weeks! We can't wait to see what our students will achieve in the future.

Abbey McConnell

Snowsports Coordinator

Mt Buller Annex

This term, our Year 7 to 10 Annex students have taken part in an immersive educational adventure up here at Mt Buller. Despite facing some challenges, our time at the snow has been filled with learning, growth, and unique experiences.

The term began with the usual high hopes and eager anticipation. However, we were met with a season of particularly low snowfall, a stark reminder of the unpredictable nature of the environment. Despite these less-than-ideal conditions, our students displayed resilience and positivity, making the most of the conditions they were served up.

Unfortunately, the term brought with it some minor injuries for some students, but they all showed remarkable strength and determination to recover and get back on snow. The spirit of camaraderie and support within the group was most evident throughout Vic Interschools, as classmates cheered on and encouraged each other, allowing MSC to post some impressive results. The success continued to Nationals with many Annex students posting impressive results and three hitting the podium.

This term was not just about skiing and snowboarding. We took the opportunity to delve deeper into the world of snow sports, exploring various aspects that are often overlooked. One of the key learning areas was our study of ski boots and their construction. Students learned about the intricate process of making ski boots, from selecting the right materials to ensuring proper fit and comfort. This exploration gave them an appreciation for the equipment that is so vital to the activities they love. We also dove deep into the history of boot production and the countries who drove this industry. Additionally, our students explored the concept of international ski travel and its environmental impact. Discussions were held about the carbon footprint associated with long-distance travel, the use of resources at ski resorts, and the importance of sustainable tourism practices. These conversations sparked thoughtful debates and ideas on how we can all contribute to reducing our environmental impact while still enjoying the sport we love. Students used this knowledge to explore how we could design a more environmentally friendly ski resort.

Water and electricity, two fundamental components of ski resorts worldwide, were another focus of our studies. Students examined how these resources are utilized in snowmaking and daily operations at resorts like Mt Buller. They also learned about the challenges faced by resorts in managing these resources and had guest speakers talk to the class about the current challenges of restricted pumping rights.

A highlight of the term was our day at base with Mt Buller Ski Patrol. The students were fortunate to learn directly from the Patrollers who are on the front lines of ski safety. They practised basic first aid techniques, CPR, learned how to respond to emergencies on the slopes, and gained valuable insights into the responsibilities and skills required to be a Ski Patroller. This was a follow on from the session we did last year and further strengthened the relationship between the Annex and Ski Patrol while increasing students' respect for the important work done by the team.

As the season ground to a premature halt, we still had large numbers at class every day with creative carpooling from Mansfield delivering us our cohort. Students filled their non-skiing time on the hill with bush walks, exploration to bush huts and cooking time. Our 'Celebration' evening, although a week early, was one of the best in memory and the student's movies captured the 'grit in the face of adversity' attitude that underpinned the whole term. I'm very proud of the whole Annex cohort this year.



Sam Magree

Mt Buller Annex Teacher



Adventure Challenge

Earlier this term, Adventure Challenge students ventured up to Mt Stirling to learn the fine art of cross country skiing. Under the expert guidance of Nigel Kain and Lisa Andreason, skills were taught on how to safely ascend and descend the beautiful snow covered trails that meander beneath the alpine ash. Most students were experiencing cross country skiing for the first time and were quick to learn various skills enabling the group to cover several kilometres of trails that looped from Telephone Box Junction up to the Machinery Shed shelter area. A focus of the trip was for the group to be considerate and supportive of one another whilst learning these new skills in challenging weather conditions. Students are to be congratulated on their effort, persistence and positivity throughout the day despite the cold and rainy conditions.



During theory sessions this term, students have been studying human impact on the Australian landscape and exploring this in our local region. A particular focus has been the health of our local waterways and what is being done to improve these environments. In week 8, the group travelled to a property on the Broken River to take part in a revegetation project. Experts from Landcare provided knowledge on why certain endemic species were used in specific areas to prevent erosion, create habitat for fauna and generally improve the health of this fragile river system. Students did a fantastic job in planting over 100 native grasses, which was appreciated by the property owner and Landcare staff.

Tom Ginter

Adventure Challenge Teacher



Sampai jumpa lagi! Until we meet again!

Last week we said farewell to our two exchange students from Indonesia: Alez and Nameera. After six weeks in Mansfield, both students returned to Indonesia to get started with their Year 12 classes.

Max, who hosted Alez, said, "the program was great. At times it was challenging, but I'm glad I did it because I have made a new friend and learnt a lot about the differences between Australia and Indonesia."

This was the third time our school has been involved with exchanges run by IndoAustay, and it has been fantastic to see our school and students welcome visitors so enthusiastically. Stay tuned for information early in 2025 about how you and your family could get involved with hosting an exchange student.

Alez and Nameera were farewelled by the senior Indonesian students with a party, some heartfelt words from new friends, and some excellent cupcakes!

Alice Burton

Indonesian Teacher



Term 3 Sports Wrap Up

Thursday 5th September saw our Athletics team travel to Shepparton Athletics track for the Southern Ranges meet with other district schools. 21 of our students who placed 1st and 2nd have progressed to the Hume Region event which is held in Albury at the Les O'Brien Athletics Precinct on Thursday 10th October.

A huge thank you to Tom Grinter and the students on the day. MSC performed especially well this year with Zac Hotton being named Age Group Champion! Runners Up in their age groups were Franzi Stumpf, Ellie Marks, Matilda Stumpf, Estelle O'Neill and Hannah Allen. Tristan Fox, Ava Mahoney, Lara Klingsporn, Kezi Wolfe and Lucas Bellman all won an individual event.

Coming up in Term 4 are our Year 8 and Intermediate (Year 9/10) boys and girls who won their basketball events in the Term 3 Round Robin and are heading to Shepparton to compete in the Hume Region competition. MSC's House Round Robin is occurring in November for students in Year 7-9 and we will also vote for our 2025 Sports Captains around this time.

Congratulations:

Our netballers who play for Bonnie Doon won their U15, U17 and A grade Grand Final plus the B Reserve and B Grade teams unfortunately lost their Grand Final games. Bella Neale and Stella Brakels were awarded Best on Court in their respective games. Additionally, the Mansfield U15 netballers made it through to their GVFL Grand Final against Echuca which is being played this weekend.

Mansfield's U17 footy team just got pipped in their Grand Final by Imperials.

There have also been some terrific Individual results in vote count nights across both competitions for our students. The photos below show these students with their trophies.

Sam Kain, Andy Friday and Liam Smith made the VLine Cup footy divisional teams to play in the carnival in Ballarat during the first week of the holidays. This carnival is a showcase of all the country talent hoping to follow the AFL pathway program in that age group.

And to all our National Interschool skiers and boarders who competed at Perisher last week.

Students who are possibly interested in doing a school based Sport Recreation and Aquatic SBAT at school should contact Shelly Comben (Careers Practitioner) as this will also be coming up later in the new term.

Go MSC!

Christian Thomson
Sports Coordinator

Congratulations!



Amy Cash
U15 B&F
Bonnie Doon



Keira Thornton
U15 Top Goal Shooter
Bonnie Doon



Demi Murray
U17 B&F Runner Up
Bonnie Doon



Cobie McCormack
U17 Top Goal Shooter
Bonnie Doon



Hayden Desmond
U17 B&F Runner Up
Mansfield

VCE VM Rogaining

On Tuesday 10th September, 43 students went out to Blue Range to compete in a Rogaining competition. If you haven't been to this beautiful part of Mansfield, the view at the top of the range is stunning and the weather on the day was spectacular. Students worked in teams to navigate to 12 points on their map using bearings. The overall competition was won by Paddy Buchanan, Riley Northcott and Alex Davyd who were the only team to make it to all 12 points and return to the starting location within the 2-hour time limit. Our Rogaining competition was not only a fun event but it was also the assessment for our student's unit of work on Dimensions and Direction in Numeracy. Students were able to demonstrate their learning through a hands-on approach which is the heartbeat of the VCE VM program. We are so thankful for the teachers who supported this day and the steep hills they climbed to make sure all our students were safe.

Rebecca Wardenaar

VCE VM Teacher



Year 7 Cheviot Tunnel Walk

After weather dampened our first attempt, MSC's Year 7 cohort walked along the Rail Trail through Cheviot Tunnel near Yea in the glorious sunshine.

Students have been learning about local history since Term 1, and it was great for students to visit a location that we have been discussing. The tunnel is 201 metres long and in still perfect condition. The last train to Mansfield was in the late 1970s so the tunnel lay dormant for years until the construction of the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

We encouraged students to be present in the moment and enjoy their surroundings along the 3.5 kilometre walk. Hopefully some used the walk as a mindfulness exercise as well as physical exercise. It was so wonderful to see students enjoy each other's company along the trail as well as kicking the footy or playing finska.

Thanks to the staff that attended - Mrs O'Loughlan, Mr Thompson, Ms Zikou, Ibu Azharra, Katie and Lisa.

Michelle Comerford

Year 7 Coordinator



The Big Freeze!

A dedicated group of MSC staff bravely faced multiple buckets of icy water while we raised funds for Motor Neurone Disease. Alongside a sausage sizzle, we managed to gather an impressive \$460!

A big thank you to everyone who organized, participated, and contributed!



Year 7 Science

This term, the Year 7's have been studying forces. We have been looking at velocity, drag, air resistance, variables, and the science of falling. To help us with our learning, we crafted our own tissue paper parachutes. Our goal was to fashion a parachute better than the teachers' to get the slowest fall time. We worked in small groups, the shape of our chute being the independent variable. There were many different styles and shapes to choose from, including rectangular, square, circle, cone, and even Da Vinci style parachutes. We each took 3 turns releasing them from a ladder in the STEAM building, finding our average fall times, and comparing them at the end. Congratulations to Jake Hoskin, Warwick Neely and Macc Watson for getting the slowest fall time.



Amity Scott Barber

Year 7 Student

Year 8 Humanities

In Year 8 Humanities we've been learning about mountain landscapes as part of our geography curriculum. To take advantage of our unique location, on Friday 14th September, 8A walked from MSC to the top of Rifle Butts Reserve. This allowed students to apply their classroom learning by identifying the surrounding mountains and practise sketching techniques we've been working on in the classroom.



The student's work and the view from the top made for a successful trip.

Abbey McConnell

Humanities Teacher



Year 8 students sketches of Mt Timbertop from Rifle Butts Reserve

School for Student Leadership

Once again Mansfield Secondary College has been successful in applying to have our 2025 Year 9 students attend the SSL programme. We have been awarded 4 places at the Gnurad - Gundidj campus. Current Year 8 students will have the opportunity to apply to be part of this engaging and rewarding Term 3 programme next year. When our current Year 9 students return next term, there will be opportunities for Year 8 students to hear all about their experiences.

Jen Wenlock

Year 9 Coordinator



2025 YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

**Prospective Mansfield Secondary College
2025 Year 7 students and their parents are
invited & encouraged to join us for our
Information Night.**

**5:30pm Tuesday, 8th October 2024
Performing Arts Centre, 15 View Street**

FEATURING:

- MSC expectations
- What students & parents can expect
- Curriculum overview
- Enrolment process
- How to order uniform

RSVP to attend

✉ mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au ☎ 03 5775 2022

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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WEEK ONE		WEEK TWO	
SEPT 23RD	10AM-1PM CHOP & CHAT*	SEPT 30TH	TBC
SEPT 24TH	1PM-5.30PM BOARD GAMES	OCT 1ST	2PM-4PM MOVIE DAY @ MAC - 'BOOKWORM' *
SEPT 25TH	10AM-1PM MANSFIELD ZOO*	OCT 2ND	10AM-1PM CHOP & CHAT*
SEPT 26TH	3PM-5PM COLLAGING WITH FELICITY HAYWARD	OCT 3RD	10AM-2PM HIKE WITH MANSFIELD BUSHWALKS*

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS HERE



For Years 7-12 Students
FREE EVENTS
Spaces are limited for each event
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