



# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## END OF TERM 2—EARLY DISMISSAL

**Friday 30th June, 2017**

**Students dismissed at 1:22pm—Buses depart 1:30pm**

**TERM 3 COMMENCES MONDAY 17TH JULY**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We are now at a very exciting building stage of the \$14 million refurbishment and redevelopment of our College. The actual construction of new buildings and rooms began at the start of the year and, as many of our community have witnessed, a lot of progress has been made. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we were paid a visit by our Local State Member of Parliament, the Honorable Vicki Ward, who is also the Parliamentary Secretary for Industry and Employment. Vicki is the parliamentarian who supported our submission for the funding of our 're-build' in parliament. She is also a great supporter of our College and our students and their endeavours in the community.

If you have visited the College recently, you would have seen a lot of construction in three different areas. On the College side of the Gymnasium/Hall a major redevelopment is taking place which is due for completion in

August of this year. In this area, it includes new showers and toilets for students, a new Student Welfare Office, with adjoining counselling area, and a new suite of facilities for the Program for Students with a Disability (PSD) and students. A brand new roof also goes over this area together with a sporting equipment storage room.

Our old Science Wing was demolished early this year and has now almost been rebuilt with new classrooms which will incorporate purpose built Labs for each of the science domains of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This will also include state of the art equipment and learning spaces for science experiments and learning. The colour scheme chosen in our brickwork and trim is also becoming more evident each day.

The concrete footings and layout for our purpose built Drama room has also been laid adjacent to and complementing our existing auditorium. Not far from this structure we now have a most impressive concrete slab ready for three newly designed Art rooms, which will include specialist VCD and Ceramics rooms.



**Principal, Allan Robinson, and The Honorable Vicki Ward MP, admire the progress of the College's \$14 million redevelopment and refurbishment.**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...

On the evening of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, I attended an invitation to Bunnings Eltham for their Community Information Night. This was an evening that recognised all the hard work that volunteers put in for their organisations and community groups and to learn more about how Bunnings can assist community groups. Impressively, the evening and the community program is organised and overseen by their Activities Organiser, Kate Hodgson, who is herself a graduate from Montmorency Secondary College. In 2015 when we were hit by a devastating arson attack that destroyed our Science and Humanities block of rooms, it was Kate who arranged donations of many storage containers and tubs from Bunnings, to store some of the equipment that we were able to salvage.

Our staff and parents have been assisted by Bunnings, with fund raising 'sausage sizzles', on behalf of our students, for both our NASA and Borneo study tours. This has been a fruitful partnership.

Achievement by our students has constantly been on the radar at the College this year. One of the highest sporting awards available to Victorian secondary students, has been presented to our Year 12 student, Jamie Kuhn. On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Jamie, was presented with the *2017 Pierre de Coubertin Award* by the Victorian Olympic Council and the Department of Education and Training. Together with Year 12 Level Co-ordinator, Deb Metcalfe, and Jamie's parents, I was privileged to attend the presentation ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Friday evening. Jamie certainly was an outstanding ambassador for our College and his citation for the award reads:

### ***Montmorency Secondary College, Jamie Kuhn***

*Jamie has been a thoroughly outstanding role model, both in his personal values and sporting achievements at Montmorency Secondary College. As an elite swimmer for his entire school life, he has inspired others, and his sportsmanship and respect for his peers has been exemplary. He always encourages others to be 'good sports' and this has also shown in his endeavours as one of our most respected student leaders.*

In his chosen sport of swimming, Jamie has achieved so much as a student, including:

- Three State Championship medals.
- Participation in 16 State Swimming Finals.
- Swam over 100 races at more than 30 different State Championship Competitions.
- Represented Montmorency Secondary College in every year from Year 7 to Year 12.
- Captain of the Yarra Plenty Swimming Club.
- Winner of the Banyule Sportsperson of the Year Award.
- In 2015 swam at Australian Age Championships in the 100 metre Breaststroke.

Congratulations Jamie, "Pride in Achievement".

Regards,  
Allan Robinson  
Principal



**Jamie Kuhn, pictured here with his proud parents, Greg and Dianne, is the recipient of the 2017 Pierre de Coubertin Award.  
Congratulations Jamie.**

## ***Save the date:***

NASA trivia night fundraiser 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

Tickets \$15  
*(more details to follow)*



### **Year 9 Camp at Kinglake Ranges Adventure Camp Payment Schedule**

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment of \$105 was due 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment of \$100 is due 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Payment of \$150 is due 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

If you have any concerns or queries regarding payment please contact the Bursars office on 9422 1500.



### **END OF SEMESTER REPORTS**

Please note that Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 end-of-semester reports will be distributed on Friday 30th June, 2017 via the parent portal. Parents/Guardians will need their family user ID and password to access the portal.

If you require assistance in accessing the portal please contact the College on 9422 1500. Year 12 reports will be distributed early in Term 3 on Friday 21st July, 2017.

### **TERM 3 AT A GLANCE**

Mon 17th July	Term 3 Begins
Wed 26th July	Student Led Conference Day
Tue 1st August	Whole School Assembly
Wed 2nd August	School Council—7:30pm
Thur 10th August	Curriculum Day
Sat 19th August	Presentation Ball No. 1
Fri 1st September	House Off
Sat 9th September	Presentation Ball No. 2
Wed 13th September	School Council—7:30pm
Wed 20th September	Student Progress Interview Day
Fri 22nd September	End of Term 3—1:22pm finish

## **DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY???**

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day without permission. It is expected that students will make dental, medical and other appointments outside school hours wherever possible. However, we understand that this is not always possible. If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, we ask that you follow College procedure set out below:

1. Please provide your child with a note requesting permission for your child to leave school at the specified time.
2. Upon arrival at school, the student is to take the note to his/her Level Coordinator, who will then sign the note and return it to the student.
3. The student can then present the note to his/her class teacher when he/she needs to leave.
4. Once the student leaves the class he/she will present the note to the General Office staff and sign the "Early Leavers" record. The office staff will retain the note for attendance recording.
5. If your child needs to return to school later in the day, he/she is to report to the General Office and sign in.

It is important for all students and teachers that class interruptions are kept to a minimum. Wherever possible, parent/guardians are asked to avoid telephoning the College in order to have their child paged or dismissed from class and follow the above procedures instead.

## **ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL**

- Students who arrive after the class roll has been taken (after Home Group) should report to the "Time Out" room and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- If students arrive after Period 1 (10.05am) they should report to the General Office and sign in the Late Arrivals book.
- A note from a Parent/Guardian explaining the lateness should be provided to the office staff.
- The late student then collects a "Late Slip" which will admit him/her to class.
- Students who do not provide an acceptable reason for the lateness in a note may be given a detention.

Allan Robinson  
Principal

## **USE OF THE BIKE SHED**

Students are reminded, that while the bike shed is locked during the day, it isn't locked out of hours and bikes must not be left overnight under any circumstances. Students leaving bikes for extended periods, for Outdoor Education or any other reason, must arrange to have them stored within the College buildings.

Unfortunately, there are thieves in the area looking for bikes to steal and with the use of portable angle grinders, cables and other locking devices are no defence.

## MOBILE DENTAL SERVICE

Mobile Dental Services will be visiting Montmorency Secondary College in July and scheduling a **bulk billed** (no out of pocket expenses) dental van clinic for children who are eligible under the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme. This offers an initial examination and follow up dental treatment. Children who are not eligible can still be seen and charged Medicare rates, and also able to utilize any Private Health Insurance. To be eligible for dental treatment, you need to be receiving a payment from the Australian Government.

If you are not sure that your child is eligible for the CDBS, please fill out all the details in full so we are able to check eligibility on our end; if you are not eligible then you will be informed before our visit.

Information and consent forms will be given to children in the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and must be signed and returned to the college by Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Parents are welcome to attend the treatment with their children. Approximate appointment times will be provided upon request, closer to the visit in **July/August**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Heather Douglas at the college, or alternatively Dr Swati Sharma on 8401 3855.

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE DAY—WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY, 2016

*"As students progress through school they need to be encouraged and supported to take greater responsibility for their own learning, their participation in learning activities and the quality of their learning outcomes. They need to develop a sense of themselves as learners and develop the knowledge and skills to manage their own learning and emotions. As they do this, they move from being supported learners to autonomous learners." (AusVELS - Personal Learning)*

In line with the AusVELS emphasis on student responsibility for personal learning, the College continues to focus on students developing and working towards their own goals. As part of the process, we feel that it is very important that all students spend time reviewing their first semester report.

In order to maximise the impact of the reports we have designated **Wednesday 26th July, 2017** as the day for this review. Students will meet with their Home Group teacher, Co-ordinator, or Sub-school Leader to discuss what they have identified as positives or areas of concern and develop strategies to overcome these problems.

***There will be no formal classes on that Wednesday, but it is compulsory that all students attend their interview at the pre-arranged time.*** Parents are encouraged to accompany their child for this interview. Students who do not arrange an interview will need to meet with a Co-ordinator and their parents to discuss their progress at a future date and will be marked absent for the day.

All students will be provided with a Self Assessment Sheet to work on in preparation for the Student Led Conference Day. Parents and guardians are encouraged to take some time to work on this with their children prior to the day.

Bookings for the Student Led Conference interviews will be done online. Parents will be notified as soon as the database becomes operational.

Sub-School Leaders, the Careers Counsellor and the Student Welfare Coordinator will be available during the day to discuss any concerns with parents. If you have any questions please contact your child's Home Group Teacher, Mentor or the Sub-School Leader as soon as possible on 9422 1500.

***Allan Robinson  
Principal***

# ALTITUDE DAY

Fifty Year 9 Students attended a Leadership Conference run by yLead.

yLead is an organisation involved in developing confident, motivated and skilled young leaders who are capable and willing to make a positive difference in the world.

Altitude Day was an opportunity for these students to become positive leaders in their school and wider community, by hearing from inspiring leaders who are doing amazing things in the world, meeting and working with students from other schools, participating in activities and reflecting on their unique goals and learning leadership lessons.

The students arrived to an energised environment and were welcomed by yLead presenters. They participated in a series of short interactive games and networking opportunities that explored the 'keys to unlocking potential'. They were also given the opportunity to self-reflect in their workbooks.

Speakers on the day were: Sophie Weldon, founder of Humankind Enterprises, Barnaby Howarth, AFL Hall of Fame inductee, and Rowie McEvoy, founder of THE MAX, a group of private and exclusive International Fitness Business Colleges in Aust. And NZ.

*Ivanka Sapina*

*John Healy*

*Year 9 Coordinators*



## YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE

Earlier this month all year 9 students spent a week in the city during their CITY EXPERIENCE program.

Each morning students reported to their assigned teachers at Montmorency Train Station. From there they travelled in the same carriage to their destinations in the city. Some got off at Flinders Street, others at Melbourne Central or Parliament Stations.

Each Home-group and their supervising teachers attended at least one venue; two on most days. All groups enjoyed guided tours of: The Shrine of Remembrance, The MCG and Sports Museum, The Old Melbourne Gaol, The National Gallery of Victoria International, The Chinese Museum and The Old Treasury Building. They also visited Eureka Skydeck and ACMI.

By the end of the week the students were all familiar with Federation Square, the famous city laneways (Street Art) and the City Loop train system. Students were given some free time to explore the city in small groups and to purchase lunch and so on.

Special thanks to all the supervising teachers, who were required to be at the station with their students, much earlier than usual. A big thanks also to Cathy Green, who booked all the venues and prepared the informative and comprehensive booklets provided to staff and students.

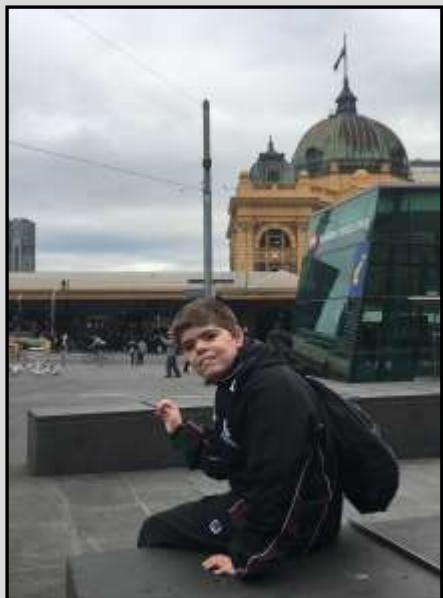
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## YEAR 8 CAMP

This year, Year 8 students went on camp. We went to Billabong Ranch in Echuca, 390 acres of bushland up on the Murray. The days were sunny, the nights were cold and the mosquitoes were massive. 8A, 8C, 8F and 8G arrived there Monday morning, after a two and a half hour drive. We unpacked our bags and went to our cabins, soon to start the first activities. We split into two groups, with half of us going to orienteering practice and the others going to bush first aid, then we swapped over.

In the afternoon, we all went to orienteering. This was an activity where we were driven out to the paddocks, given directions and a compass to find letters scattered all around the place. If they were in the correct order they would form a sentence. After dinner we went on a night walk, patting the camels on the way. We returned to watch a movie and then went back to our cabins.

Tuesday morning after breakfast, we split back into our two groups. 8A and 8C went the commando course first, which was a series of obstacles and challenges we had to complete as a team. If you know me, it wouldn't surprise you that of course I managed to slip and hurt myself. After we finished jumping over tyres, hay bales and were covered in mud, we went back to complete the other activities. They included horse riding, beach volleyball, bouldering, pedal boats, frisbee golf, animal nursery and archery. We completed our allocated activities and had dinner.

We sat around the camp fire, roasting marshmallows and then watched the whip cracking performance. We watched the end of the movie and returned to our cabins. Wednesday was the final day. Some people woke up early and watched the sunrise, to end what a great time that they had. After we completed our remaining activities, everyone packed all their things and said goodbye to all the animals, including everyone's favourite goat. We got on the bus for the long ride home. Some people left with unexpected souvenirs... over 50 mosquito bites.

*Molly Siede 8C*

Year 8 camp 2017 was absolutely amazing. All the year eights that attended the Billabong Ranch had loads of fun participating in plenty of great activities and hanging out, having a good time with friends. Roasting marshmallows and having a laugh with our mates around the warm fire that believe me we, were all thankful for was also definitely one of the most memorable parts of camp. The food was also really good. My favourite activity was horse riding and my horse's name was Gem and she was incredible. The best bit was trotting, and the instructors were nothing but lovely and kind. I loved going horse riding and it was the highlight of the trip. I really enjoyed camp this year and I'm certainly looking forward to the next camp.





## Get ready to Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From 26<sup>th</sup> July until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be handed in to the General Office at the College.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.



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## TEEN YOGA 8 WEEK PROGRAM

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MONDAYS 4PM - 4.45PM

Designed for people aged 15 to 20 years

- WaterMarc Members - Free
- Family of WaterMarc Members - \$64.00
- Non-Members - \$96.80
- Per Casual Session - \$13.60
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A program designed to calm the mind and body of the pressures that study, social media and life can have on young adults. Yoga has widespread and well known health benefits for everyone.

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