2016 Term 1 Calendar

Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 1 calendar dates.
http://www.mcguireco.vic.edu.au

Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 1 reports will be available for collection at Parent Teacher interviews which will be held in E Wing on Thursday 10th March, 4.00 – 6.00pm. Parents are encouraged to use this opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the progress of their children.

Principal’s Report

Learning PLUS and REAL Time

In 2016 we are excited to be adding two new aspects to our student offerings at McGuire College – Learning PLUS and REAL Time. Learning PLUS and REAL Time classes take place each day at the conclusion of Session 4 and before lunchtime, giving students an additional 18 minutes each day of focused and dedicated learning time. Our Learning PLUS sessions run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with students and teachers focusing on Writing, Study Skills and Reading. These sessions are followed by our REAL Time that gives teachers and students the opportunity to focus on wellbeing, our REAL values, guest speakers and assemblies.

You may have seen the Shepparton News on Wednesday 2nd March, Educational Leader, Carly Hooper was interviewed resulting in a fantastic article on our new offerings, titled “REAL effort to lift marks.”

If you have any questions about Learning PLUS or REAL Time please do not hesitate in asking, or drop in and see our Learning PLUS and REAL Time Leaders, Carly Hooper and Faye Farrant.

New Partnership to support McGuire College students & staff

I am delighted to announce that we have been accepted into the University of Melbourne Network of Schools (UMNOS), first regional cohort.

This is in an exciting opportunity for us to access leading educational research and evidence to inform and enhance our practices here at McGuire College. Over the next two years we will be working collectively with our Better Together Alliance Partners of Shepparton High School and Mooroopna Secondary College, alongside a number of other local Primary and Secondary Schools, to improve learning outcomes and experiences of students, through a structured program that focuses on teaching and learning.
You may also have seen a write-up in *The Age* on Monday 1 February under the title ‘Innovative learning network puts schools under watchful eye of Melbourne Uni researchers’.

If you have any questions about our involvement please don’t hesitate to ask, although our involvement is in the very early stages. So watch this space for further details.

**Swimming Stars – Congratulations!**

On Friday 26th February, 23 of our students headed off to the District Swimming Sports to represent McGuire College. After a full day of events, our students being great ambassadors for our College and a range of outstanding individual efforts, we now have four students heading on to the next level and representing the College and local district at the Hume Region Championships on Tuesday 15th March. Congratulations and good luck to Nicholas Brereton, Xander Brereton, Jordan White and Rachel Claney, I have no doubt that you will compete well and do yourselves, your families and our College proud.

![Swimming Stars](image)

**Student Attendance – Every Day Matters!**

In our last newsletter I wrote about the importance of regular attendance for all students. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Our aim for 2016 is to improve the attendance rate of every student in the school and thus give every student, every opportunity to be the best they can be by having access to the quality teaching and learning that is occurring in our classrooms. One of our strategies to achieve this is to keep our students, parents and families informed of our attendance rates. Our attendance rates in February 2016 were:

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Congratulations to Heron House for having the best attendance rate throughout February. Keep up the great work and we look forward to seeing all students striving for that 95% attendance rate.

**Brad Moyle**
Principal
Swimming Sports Review

On Friday 19th of February, McGuire College held its annual Swimming sports at Aquamoves. Warm weather set the scene for a fantastic day of fun, competition and comradery and it was good to see the whole school community get involved.

The inter house rivalry was strong and ensured a very good contest ensued. Crane House, brilliantly led by Mrs Adam, was completely dominant, running away with a commanding lead early and remaining out in front all day to record back to back House Championships. The final scores were:

Crane – 592 points  
Heron – 389 Points  
Teal – 376 Points  
Swan – 309 points

As well as the house competition we had some brilliant individual results with the following students being named Age Group Champions:

13 years – Moara Smith and Timothy Runciman-Forster  
14 Years – Lauren Millar, Floyd Vincitorio and Luke Fitzsimmons  
15 Years – Bethany Duke and Nicholas Runciman-Forster  
16 Years – Elizabeth Smith and Haroon Faqeer Zada  
17 Years – Emma Mullen and Xander Brereton  
18-20 years – Rachel Claney, Fawzia Abkar, Jordan White and Braden Johns.

A number of our students qualified for Zone Swimming and on Friday the 26th of February, McGuire was represented by 23 swimmers again at Aquamoves for the Goulburn Murray Region School Sports Victoria Championships. Our students represented McGuire with pride all day and some fantastic results were recorded. Nicholas Brereton, Xander Brereton, Jordan White and Rachel Claney all qualified for the Hume Region SSV championships later this month. A fantastic result for them and for our College.

James Griffin – Sports Coordinator

Swan Swimming Superstar

On Friday the 19th of February, Haroon Faqeer Zada became a Swimming Sports Superstar! With five ribbons under his belt, he was named the Under 15 Age Group Champion!

What makes Haroon’s achievement remarkable is the little time that he has spent in a pool. Haroon only arrived in Australia in 2014 and he swam for the first time almost a year ago, on an excursion with the Shepparton English Language Centre. It was with this experience that his love for swimming developed. He now visits the pool often to swim with his brothers.

We can all agree that Haroon is a natural born swimmer. We look forward to seeing his progress in the pool at next year’s Swimming Sports Carnival.

Well done, Haroon!

Jamason Lopez  
Swan Head of House
‘Keys Please’ Parent Information Night

Each year the Shepparton secondary schools run a driver safety program that has been very successful and well received by the students over many years. The Year 10 instalment is titled “Keys Please”. A parent information evening will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March, commencing at 7pm in the staffroom at Wanganui Park SC to demonstrate everything the Year 10 students will see in their school sessions. It is a very valuable 90 minute session that will bring parents up to speed with all the current requirements for learner drivers and how best we can support them as parents.

2016 Debutante Ball

Debutante Ball Training
Training for our up and coming debutante ball will commence on Monday the 14th of March at 4.00-5.30pm. Training is compulsory for all debutantes.

Debutante Ball Tickets
A reminder to all parents/guardians of our 2016 debutante couples that tickets for the ball need to be purchased between the 21st and the 24th of March.

The ball will be held at Eastbank on the 6th of May, 2016, commencing at 7.00pm. Tickets must be purchased in bulk and only by parents/guardians. Ticket allocation sheets must be filled in and submitted upon payment. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Jamason Lopez.

Debutante Coordinator
lopez.jamason.j@edumail.edu.au

Sunsmart

Students are reminded that they must wear a broad brimmed hat at all times when outside at recess and lunchtime during Term 1 and Term 4. Thank you to the vast majority of students who ‘do the right thing’ are sensible and ‘Sunsmart’ by wearing their hat at all times when outdoors.

Year 11 & 12 Home group Guest Speakers

Over the last couple of weeks Year 11 & 12 have been lucky enough to have some fantastic guest speakers who have been able to deliver some very important messages to our senior students.

Firstly we were able to have Tunya Jarvis, an Emergency Room nurse who works at GV Health and has great experience at working with people who have experienced road trauma, physical assault or who have been affected by drugs and alcohol. Tunya was able to draw on many of her stories from her career to highlight the importance of making good choices and the consequences when things don’t go so well.

We have also had Suzanne Wallis, a Sexual and Reproductive Health Nurse who regularly visits the school each fortnight to talk about her program and why someone might come and visit her when she is consulting here at McGuire College. Thank you to both of our very important guest speakers.

Mark Metcalf
School Nurse
Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL)

Expression of interest for Year 7 SEAL entry, 2017

SEAL testing will be conducted on Saturday, May 28th, from 9.30am-12.30pm at McGuire College. The test is a higher ability selection test developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The test examines reading comprehension, numeracy and creative writing and is of a similar format to the NAPLAN tests.

In order for your child to participate in the test, please fill out an application form and submit it to McGuire College no later than Friday, May 13th.

If you have any queries about the SEAL Program or about the testing, please contact either Ashley Robinson or Susan Kerwin at McGuire College on 5858 9800, or via email on robinson.ashley.g@edumail.vic.gov.au or kerwin.susan.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Music News

Year 7 Trial Lessons on Instruments
Year 7’s have done a great job coming along to play flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, keyboard and percussion over the past two weeks. We have had great help from Mentors: Lachie McNair, Brody Atkinson and Conner Stewart. We have some very talented Year 7’s!! Please come and say hello on Parent Teacher Interview night and also ask for any information you may need or be curious about.

Regional Music Camp
The Regional Music Camp is on in week 1 of Term 2. Dates are April 13, 14 & 15. Shared transport will be provided to the camp at Beechworth on day 1.

McGuire College has 6 scholarships from the Fairley Foundation to assist with the cost of the camp – valued at $100 each. Please see Ms Ryan if you are interested in attending. Any student may attend.

Rehearsals
The Marimba Ensemble – Marimba Mojo – have resumed our “play lunches” on Monday lunchtime – “Marimba Mondays”. The more senior students are rehearsing in a Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday’s and are working towards a gig in Term 2. The Concert Band will perform for the Year 7 Instrumental Music students at a lunchtime concert in the last week of this term.

Keep Playing!! Ms Ryan
Welcome back to the 2016 school year. This year will see many new and exciting Careers and Pathways events for our students, as well as involvement in the annual activities our students have the opportunity to participate in. This Careers and Pathways News has details of events we already have locked in for the year ahead. Please make a note of the dates that may be of interest to you and your child/ren. If you have any queries at all throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me via the details at the bottom of this news.

Year 10 Work Placement Program
I have commenced working with all Year 10 students on their Career Action Plans as part of their Industry and Enterprise classes. As part of this work, I will be discussing work placement with students, including their likes and passions, what they are good at and what industry areas they might like to undertake work placement in.

Student’s involvement in the work placement program is subject to a student demonstrating work readiness skills at school. These skills are assessed through students displaying the College’s REAL values, an understanding and demonstration of performing in a work environment and a maturity to be a positive advocate for McGuire College whilst on work placement. Students who cannot demonstrate these work readiness skills will not be approved to go on work placement at this stage.

Whilst every effort will be undertaken to place students within their area of interest, local businesses are getting more and more selective about taking students which has resulted in less placement opportunities. If you or someone you know has a business that your child is interested in and may be able to do work placement with, please contact them and see if they have a place available.

Year 10 work placement dates for 2016 are:
• Term 2 – Week 9 – 6th – 10th June
• Term 3 – Week 2 – 18th – 22nd July

Please note, there will be occasions where students will need to go out on placement outside of these dates due to employer availability.

2016 Careers & Pathways Diary Dates:
• Thursday 28th April – Careers Day Out (Year 10 students apply to attend the morning session, open to the public in afternoon and evening) – MacIntosh Centre, Shepparton Showgrounds
• Wednesday 18th May – Australian Defence Force visit to McGuire College (Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 students)
• Wednesday 11th May – Careers Education Association of Victoria – WOWOW Bus visit to McGuire College (Year levels to be determined)
• Thursday 26th May – GV Health Careers Expo – GV Health (Yrs 10, 11, 12 students apply to attend) – GV Health
• Tuesday 21st June – North Eastern Tertiary Information Session (Year 12 students only) – Notre Dame Stadium

WHAT ARE SOME OF MY ALTERNATIVES UPON LEAVING SCHOOL?
One option is university study. Research shows that those who have a university degree are (on average) less likely to be unemployed and are likely to earn more during their lifetimes than those who do not. Others will want to complete a vocational course (VET) like hospitality, childcare or graphic design. Another significant group will enter a trade by completing an apprenticeship or traineeship in areas such as plumbing, carpentry, mechanics, refrigeration or office administration. Those entering employment with no study plans need to understand that their career options and earning capacity are likely to be limited in the long term. Qualifications are VITAL.
Thinking of University? There are nine in Victoria:

- **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** has campuses in Fitzroy and Ballarat. It is a small but growing university, publicly funded, open to those of any or no faith.
- **Deakin University**'s main campus is in Burwood, but it also has campuses in Geelong and Warrnambool. It is a large university offering a very broad range of degrees.
- **Federation University** has campuses in Ballarat and in Gippsland. It is a fairly small university serving two rural communities.
- **La Trobe University**’s main campus in in Bundoora, but it also has campuses in Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Mildura and Shepparton. It is a large university.
- **Monash University** is very large; its main campus is in Clayton, but it also has campuses in Berwick, Caulfield, and Frankston (Peninsula Campus) (also in Malaysia and Prato in Italy).
- **RMIT** is a large dual-sector institution (a VET provider as well) in the City, with other campuses in Brunswick and Bundoora.
- **Swinburne** is also a dual-sector provider with a university campus in Hawthorn, and VET campuses in the City, Croydon, Hawthorn and Wantirna.
- **The University of Melbourne** is the oldest University, its main campus being in Parkville. It also has specialised campuses in Burnley, Creswick, Dookie, Shepparton, Southbank and Werribee.
- **Victoria University**’s main campus in in Footscray, but it also has campuses in the City, Melton, St Albans, Sunshine and Werribee. VU is a university and a VET provider.

**NOTE:** Charles Sturt University is sometimes listed with Victorian Universities. It is in fact a NSW Institution with a campus on the Victoria/NSW border at Albury-Wodonga.

There are many providers of vocational education (VET) such as Bendigo TAFE, Box Hill Institute, Gordon, Holmesglen, Kangan, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT, Swinburne and VU.

With so many institutions available it is important that you do some research during senior years at学校. This includes attending Open Days, Career Expos, school holiday programs and so on.

**FOCUS ON SOME HEALTH DEGREES**

**MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY** - It is possible to study medicine/surgery at Deakin (Geelong), Monash (Clayton and Gippsland), and Melbourne universities. Of course, many interstate universities also offer medicine, and it is possible to study it in New Zealand (eg University of Otago in Dunedin) and have the qualification recognised in Australia. **NOTE:** Be aware that medical qualifications from many overseas universities are not recognised in Australia and further study in Australia is required.

The ONLY university in Victoria offering an undergraduate medical degree is Monash. Acceptance into this course is based on a combination of ATAR, UMAT result and a multi-mini interview. UMAT is short for the **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test.** This year the test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July.** Registrations are open now and close at 5pm (AEST) on **Friday 3 June, 2016.** See: [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au). The UMAT is a multiple choice assessment; it is possible to purchase practice tests at this website, and you are strongly advised to do so as the UMAT is a very demanding test and practice is vital. The only Victorian undergraduate degree which requires completion of the UMAT is Medicine at Monash. La Trobe University requires it for Dentistry, but only for non-Year 12 applicants. Some interstate universities require it as part of the application process for medicine, dentistry and some other medical-related courses so you are wise to check this. It is common for students keen to study medical courses to apply to interstate universities as well as Victoria. Living in a particular state does not give any priority to applicants. **NOTE:** International applicants see International Student Admissions Test (ASAT).

Monash also offers a postgraduate degree in medicine, as do Deakin and Melbourne universities. Monash has very specific requirements for entry to the post-graduate degree, including that from 2017 the undergraduate degree MUST be a Monash degree (preferably the B. Biomedical Science, or alternatively the B. Pharmacy or the B. Physiotherapy, or in a small number of cases the B. Science). Most applicants for the Melbourne degree would complete either the B. Biomedicine or the B. Science at Melbourne first. Deakin also does not specify the under-graduate degree. **NOTE:** Many post-graduate medical degrees require applicants to sit for a test known as the GAMSAT. See: [http://gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://gamsat.acer.edu.au).
Dentistry is only offered in Victoria as an undergraduate degree at La Trobe University (Bendigo) and as a post-graduate degree at Melbourne University. It is important for anyone thinking of studying medicine or dentistry to research and start preparing; the competition for university places is considerable. Some universities offer information sessions about their courses (eg ‘At Monash’ Seminars and Focus On Melbourne seminars – details later). Remember, of course, many students considering medicine or dentistry could be well suited to several other occupations, not necessarily in the medical field, so explore these as well.

University of Melbourne Open Days:
Students interested in studying veterinary, agricultural and food science programs at the University of Melbourne, please note the following open days:

- Werribee Campus – Science, Veterinary nursing and equine studies – Saturday 19th March 2016 – 10am – 3pm
- Dookie Campus – Agricultural and Food Science studies – Sunday 17th April 2016 – 10am – 2pm
- Parkville Campus – All other areas of study – Sunday 21st August 2016 – 10am – 4pm

For further information, please visit www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au or see me.

GV Rural Health Day - 26 May 2016 - Expressions of Interest Open

Year 10 & 11 Students are invited to complete an Expression of Interest form to attend the upcoming GV Health day (see Mrs Harcoan for a form). Expressions of Interest close on Monday 7th March 2016. The GV Rural Health day (held at the GV Hospital) is designed to give you the opportunity to explore different health careers and participate in hands-on workshops. There are only 10 places available for our school, so if you are thinking about a career in Health and would like to attend - please see me straight away. Preference will be given to Year 11 students.

If you are interested in any of the following pathways, then you should think about attending this Expo
Residential and Community Aged Care
- Midwifery
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Speech Therapy/Audiology
- Medicine
- Dental
- Nursing
- Exercise Physiology
- Complimentary Medicine
- Dietetics
- Radiography/Medical Imagining
- Social work
- Public Health/Health Promotion
- Podiatry
- Mental Health/Psychology
- VETiS – Options in Health
- Health Information Management
- Flying Doctor/Para Medicine
- Medicine

Lynda Harcoan
Careers & Pathways
Telephone: 5858 9813 Email: harcoan.lynda.j@edmail.vic.gov.au
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form

School Name      School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname__________________________________________________________
First name_______________________________________________________
Address_________________________________________________________

Town/suburb________________________________ State________ Postcode___

Contact number__________________________________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)
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☐ Foster parent*  OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant _______________________________ Date ___ / ___ /
CSEF Eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.
For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date
Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.