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Dates to Remember:
- Wednesday 25th May – Cross Country
- Thursday 26th May – Senior Winter Sports (Day 2)
- Monday 30th May – Inter-School Cross Country
- Monday 13th June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday

McGuire College Facebook
McGuire College has a new Facebook page so that we can share information and keep up to date with events within our community. If you are on Facebook then please visit and like us on www.facebook.com/Mcguirecollege

General Achievement Test – (G.A.T.)
All students in Year 11 and 12 who are doing a VCE unit 3/4 subject and a VET unit 3/4 subject that has scored assessment must do the GAT. The GAT is compulsory for these students.

The GAT is on Tuesday June 7 from 10.00am to 1.15pm
Students from McGuire College sit for the GAT at St Augustine’s Hall in Orr St Shepparton

The GAT is used for the following:
It measures a student’s level of achievement in the following:

- The Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Written Communications
- Mathematics, Science and Technology

In the unlikely event that a student is adversely affected during the end of year exams or cannot attend exams due to serious, documented reasons the GAT results can be used to establish a derived Score for the relevant exams.

The GAT includes two writing tasks of 30 minutes each and multiple choice questions of 2 hours duration.
If a student misses the GAT they must provide a medical certificate to the school. Your son/daughter has been given all the information regarding the GAT.

Any questions regarding the GAT should be directed to Des Quirk /Carly Hooper
Open Night & Open Days
Over the last two weeks we have had a flood of prospective students and their parents visit our College for our Open Night and Open Days. It has been a pleasure to welcome our visitors, as we have shared with them the life of a student at McGuire College, particularly as it relates to Year 7 students and the types of things they will undertake on a daily basis. Our staff are to be congratulated on being fantastic ambassadors for the College and for welcoming students and families to the College.

Our students, simply amazing! There is not much more I can say about our student leaders who have presented information to parents and Year 6 students, conducted tours and welcomed visitors to our College. Our students are a real testament to their families and the College, I am extremely proud of them and as a community we should be too.

College Uniform
With the advent of cooler weather we have seen an increase in the number of students coming to school each day out of uniform. We are however now well on the path to winter and all students are expected to be in full College uniform each and every day. Where students are unable to meet this College requirement and expectation a number of steps may be put in place, this includes:

- Providing support for students who are unable to purchase uniform due to disadvantage
- Issuing a warning to students on their first infringement of our Uniform Policy
- Conducting lunchtime and after school detentions, with parental contact, for continuing breaches of our Policy

As always, our staff will continue to recognise those students who are regularly in full College Uniform with REAL slips that relate to our College expectations of Respect, Environment, Accountability and Learning.

Attendance
Congratulations to our Year 9 students who have had the best attendance rate over the last two weeks. With an attendance average of 88.3% over the last fortnight the Year 9’s are closest to reaching and maintaining our College wide minimum attendance rate of 90%. We do realise that with the change in weather that illness may have had some effect on our data over the last two weeks.

Our senior students in Years 11 & 12 really need to make attendance a priority if they are to make the most of the opportunities available to them at McGuire College and to secure a strong and viable pathway beyond their time at McGuire College. Attendance is important, both at school and in the workplace and the ability to be punctual and regular in attendance is highly valued by all employers.

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Our staff team have developed a number of strategies to recognise students with high attendance rates and we look forward to introducing these over the weeks ahead.

Social Media
The College is pleased to announce two new tools in our bank of communication strategies to link with our families and share the great things happening at McGuire College. If you haven’t already done so, I encourage you to get online and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Our McGuire College pages can be found at: www.facebook.com/Mcguirecollege www.twitter.com/McGuire_College

Kind regards,

Brad Moyle
Principal
Debutante Ball 2016
REMINDEERS:
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) – Register by: 3 June
- ‘INSIDE MONASH’ SEMINARS: Biomedical Science, Radiography and Nutrition and Dietetics - 25 May, Business & Economics - June 15; [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- EXPERIENCE RMIT – for holiday programs see: [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays)
- EXPLORE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – 14th July @ Austin; contact [keely.zenner@austin.org.au](mailto:keely.zenner@austin.org.au)
- AVIATION FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE – 4 June; ph 9580 8822 or [markd@mfs.com.au](mailto:markd@mfs.com.au).

1. **FIND OUT ABOUT NURSING DEGREES AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY** – Deakin nursing graduates are well regarded and well prepared for work. Find out about Deakin courses at an information session:
- **Burwood Campus**: 6-8pm, Wed 20 July, Building BC, Burwood Corporate Centre, Level 2, OR 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 23 July, Building BC, The Point, Level 1;
- **Geelong Waterfront campus**: 6-8pm, Wed 20 July, OR 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 23 July, both Building AD, Western Beach Room 6.104;

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   Faculty of Business and Law – preparing to find a job will soon be part of the Commerce degree, with a compulsory unit in career planning being piloted. This Personal Insight unit will provide career development experiences, and has a clear focus on co-creating a professional identity. You will explore personal aspects of yourself to create a portfolio of career resources.

   New Website coming – Scheduled for launch on 23 May, the site will be ground-breaking in the sector, combating problems commonly faced by university websites. See: [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au).

   Elite Sports Precinct Developments – The first stage of the new Elite Sports Precinct has opened at the Geelong Waurn Ponds campus providing state-of-the-art facilities for exercise and sport sciences and physical education teaching students, and for student engagement and community sport.

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   **Kickstart your Course and Career Exploration at Deakin** – ‘Explore’ is a digital tool enabling you to search for courses and corresponding career possibilities, and vice versa. If you don’t know what to do when you finish school and want help with ideas, give it a try!

   - View more than 1000 course and career pairings
   - Filter your search based on your interests
   - Save your favourites and share with friends
   - Enjoy short snippets of relevant information
   - Visit [explore.deakin.edu.au](http://explore.deakin.edu.au).

2. **VCE LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – The Faculty of Arts is offering VCE Winter School for Year 10-12 students. There will be lectures, seminars and tutorials in three VCE subjects: Literature, Australian History and History Revolutions. The program is developed with VCE experts and examiners, giving students the opportunity to excel in their VCE exams. **When:** Literature - 27 and 28 June, Australian History - 29 June, History Revolutions – 30 June and 1 July; **Where:** Old Arts Building, Melbourne University; **Bookings:** [Book Now](http://www.deakin.edu.au) or email [vce-arts@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vce-arts@unimelb.edu.au).
3. DESIGN EVENTS COMING AT SWINBURNE – Swinburne is offering a Discover Design student holiday program. It is a creative program for Year 10-12 students who would like to learn more about design careers, courses and pathways. Participants will develop a design portfolio, broaden their problem-solving and design-thinking skills and work in teams – just like in a real design studio. **When:** 5-8 July (registration 9am for a 9.30am start); **Where:** Level 3, Advanced Manufacturing design Centre, Hawthorn campus; **Cost:** $160; **Register:** [Register now](#).

4. EXPLORE THE MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF DESIGN – The University of Melbourne’s School of Design (MSD), located at the heart of the Parkville campus, is designed as a learning building. Students learn not only in classrooms but also by using the building and observing ways others use it. The new building provides opportunities for ‘living learning’ through studio classes, exhibitions, tours, photo documentation and teaching on and around the site. An app has been designed to enhance your experience of the building. Take a self-guided tour, see why some key design decisions were made, and why the building is unique - [www.explore.msd.unimelb.edu.au/explore](http://www.explore.msd.unimelb.edu.au/explore).

5. RMIT FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES - RMIT’s folio preparation and career discovery courses are designed to help you create a winning portfolio to apply for university. These types of courses also provide an overview of the industry, study options, and the selection process. Upcoming courses include: illustration, fashion, 3D product design, graphic design, interior decoration and visual merchandising. Information: Call 9925 8111 or click [here](#).

6. WHICH CAREER SUITS MY PERSONALITY? SEE: MY CAREER MATCH – There are many tools available for finding out which careers will best suit you. RMIT is offering ‘My Career Match’, an online tool where you can fill out a personality questionnaire and receive a comprehensive career profile detailing traits and strengths of your personality type, suitable career paths, and relevant courses. Check out RMIT’s My Career Match profiles at: [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/myprofile](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/myprofile). Use the access code RMIT:180 when accessing it.

7. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS –

- The Bachelor of Criminology is being offered in 2017. Unlike some other criminology degrees, this particular degree will feature forensics as a core component. It will also include Integrated Workplace Learning (IWL) as a part of the course, giving students the opportunity to use their knowledge, and to assist with future employment.

- ASPIRE, a well-received and recognised La Trobe initiative for domestic undergraduate school leavers which has been operating for two years now, will continue into 2017 and beyond. The program recognises the positive impact that a student has had on their local community. Community engagement and objective school achievement forms a significant part of the assessment criteria of the program, not ATAR scores. **Applications** for 2017 entry open on shortly on 1 June and close on 31 August. See: [www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire). NOTE: The program has special links with the CFA, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and St Johns Ambulance, however, students with many types of community engagement are encouraged to apply.

8. WHERE MIGHT A SCIENCE DEGREE TAKE ME?

- **Are you fascinated by nature?** You can discover more about living things with biology and environmental science or even biotechnology where you can learn about everything from farming to pharmacy products.

- **Do you want to be at the forefront of technology?** A career in chemistry allows you to test and produce anything from penicillin to polythene or if you’d like food for thought consider the potential of food science.

- **Are you curious about the universe?** Physics looks at the smallest sub-atomic particles and the forces of the universe but if you want to explore a new frontier of science, discover nanotechnology.

- **Are you intrigued by the potential of numbers?** Mathematics finds patterns and connections and can help to model systems and develop theories and formulas while statistics can allow you to predict trends by using data to make conclusions. If you fancy yourself as a forecaster, analytics can help you see preferences and anticipate actions.

- **If maps and modelling interest you**, this could lead you to a career in surveying. Alternatively, find out how location has an impact on the way we interact with world around us with geospatial science.
Introduction to further education
Information sessions for parents and carers

What is RMIT’s Schools Network Access Program (SNAP)
You are receiving this invitation because you have a child enrolled at one of RMIT’s Schools Network Access Program (SNAP) partner schools.
SNAP is a partnership with over 200 schools throughout metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, designed to increase students’ access to further education.

Students attending SNAP schools receive priority access to RMIT courses after they complete Year 12.
The SNAP team at RMIT also offers a range of programs and resources for secondary students, teachers and parents to encourage students to consider further education - whether at RMIT, or another university or TAFE.

What will the information sessions cover?
RMIT staff and students will deliver a number of short presentations covering:
— university and TAFE: what are they, how are they different, and what are the benefits of each?
— career and study goals: strategies and resources for you and your child
— starting out at university and TAFE: expectations vs. reality
— it’s not just about study: what other services and opportunities are available to university and TAFE students?

You will also have the chance to speak with staff and students after the session, and ask any further questions you may have.

Where and when?
Tuesday 28 June (RMIT City campus)
6.30 - 8 pm

Wednesday 29 June (RMIT City campus)
10.30 am - 12 pm

Thursday 30 June (RMIT Burwood campus)
6.30 - 8 pm

Who should attend?
If you have a child in Years 9-12 who is considering attending TAFE or university in the future, we invite you to attend.
If your child is the first family member to be considering further education, or if you would like an introduction to the Australian university and TAFE system, we hope you will find this session especially valuable.

How do I register?
— visit https://mitsnapevents.eventbrite.com.au
— select the information session you wish to attend
— click ‘register’ and provide your details.
You will receive an email confirmation immediately after registering.
Your child or children are also welcome to attend.

Need more information?
Equity and Diversity
RMIT University
Email: SNAP@rmit.edu.au
Tel: +61 3 9925 3181
ST. GEORGES ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANNING MEETING

on Tuesday 31st May
at 6pm
At St. Georges Road Primary School office.

Would you like a community garden in the area?
Come along and find out how to be involved.
Please tell us your ideas.
If you can't make it, but still want to participate, please contact us and let us know your thoughts.
All are welcome!

RSVP by Monday 30th May to
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or on Facebook: gvcommunitygardens or St. Georges Road Area Community