2015 TERM 1 CALENDAR
Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 1 calendar dates.
http://www.mcguireco.vic.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.

Signing in and out of school during class time
Please be aware that the procedure for picking up your child from school during class times is as follows:
Students require a signed note from their parent/guardian to give permission to leave class at a specified time. The student must then come to the general office to be signed out by the person collecting them. Office staff are not able to call students on the loudspeaker during class time.

College photos 2015
College photos will be taken on Thursday 19th February.
Students must be in full and correct school uniform to be eligible to have their photo taken.

Centrepay
The easy way to pay your bills.
Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive an
- Australian Government Department of Human Services Centrelink payment
- Family Assistance Payment
- Parental Leave Pay
If you are interested in paying your sons/daughters school account with Centrepay please contact the McGuire College General Office on 58589800.
Who to Contact

**Homegroup Mentors**
C1 Mrs Lynda Howard  
C2 Mr Bun Ung  
C3 Mr Rob Steer  
C4 Ms Jen Collier  
H1 Mr Tony Shannon  
H2 Ms Nicole Leys  
H3 Ms Sarah Baker  
H4 Mrs Mary Calandro  
S1 Mr Mahir Al Mugotir  
S2 Ms Paige Martin  
S3 Mrs Jagdish Mahinder-Singh  
S4 Mr Nathan Smith  
V1 Mrs Julie Hannan  
V2 Ms Gabrielle Ryan  
V3 Ms Hannah Vibert  
V4 Mrs Susanne Gill  
V5 Mr Des Quirk

**House Leaders**
Crane: Mrs Emma Adam  
Teal: Mr Michael Frizzell  
Heron: Mr Nathan Neff & Mr Cosimo Rando  
Swan: Ms Rhiannon Jacobs

**Transition & Pathways Leaders**
Year 7 – 9 Mrs Susan Kerwin  
Year 10 - 12 Mr Des Quirk

**Student Wellbeing Leader**
Mrs Stacey Lundberg

ATTENDANCE

Punctuality and valuing education are two important, lifelong skills that McGuire College encourages all students to develop over the course of their schooling life. We ask parents and guardians to assist the College in developing these skills in students and support their child in being punctual and valuing their attendance at school.

If you are going to be absent from school, your parent or guardian must telephone the College on 5858 9800 on the day you will be absent. Parents/guardians will be notified by S.M.S. or email if the College has not been notified of your absence. On your next day back at school, you must provide a signed note (to the Late Pass Office) from your parent/ guardian stating the date and reason for your absence eg. illness, funeral etc. A note from a parent does not necessarily mean an approved absence.

If you are late to school, you need to go directly to class, apologize for being late and make sure your teacher has changed your attendance from absent to late. Each period you are absent or late counts towards unapproved absences unless you have a medical certificate.

Continued lateness may require the missed time being made up out of school hours.

The McGuire College Attendance Policy provides full details of expectations in relation to students’ attendance. A copy of the Policy can be obtained from your Homegroup Mentor or Head of House.

In summary, students in the JUNIOR SCHOOL (Years 7–9) are allowed a maximum of 10 days unapproved absences per semester. Students in the SENIOR SCHOOL (Years 10–12) are permitted a maximum of 5 days maximum of unapproved absences per semester.

Students must attend 100% of school days or have a valid reason for non-attendance, such as illness. Absences with a doctor’s certificate, part day absences approved by the Sick Bay Coordinator, participation in sport, excursions and suspensions do not count as part of the absence days. If a student exceeds the number of permitted absence days per semester, a meeting will be called by the Head of House to address the impact on learning.

Unapproved absences and lateness does lower SPA results.
McGuire College Uniform Policy

It is the policy of McGuire College that all students in Years 7-12 wear school uniform at school and while travelling to and from school. We believe that the school uniform fosters a sense of identification and pride, minimises fashion competition between students, promotes the school image and provides a practical and less expensive form of clothing than other alternatives. Please ensure you clearly label all items of clothing with your name for identification purposes.

The Physical Education and Sports Policy at McGuire College states “students should wear a sports uniform in physical education classes where personal hygiene and safety are important considerations.” Students are required to wear the official Sport and P.E. uniform to all inter-school competitive sporting events, unless an official team uniform is provided.

All items of uniform will be in accordance with the policy of College Council.

GIRL’S UNIFORM—WARM WEATHER

**DRESS:** Niceline (Cleolene design No 8125), worn at or below knee-length when standing

**SHORTS:** Navy. (Niceline, Crestaron design No 0310)

**SHIRT:** Official white McGuire College polo with blue logo, long or short sleeve option. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)

**SOCKS:** Plain white, ankle length.

**HAT:** Wide brimmed hat that shades the face and must be worn Terms 1 and 4.

**JUMPER:** Official navy McGuire College windcheater with white logo OR navy knitted McGuire College jumper.

**SHOES:** Plain black lace up shoes or T-Bars

GIRL’S UNIFORM—COOL WEATHER

**SLACKS:** Niceline (Cleolene design No 9909)

**SKIRT:** Kilt, worn at or below knee length when standing, with navy tights or long, white socks.

**SHIRT:** Official white McGuire College polo with blue logo, long or short sleeve option. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)

**JUMPER:** Official navy McGuire College windcheater with white logo OR navy knitted McGuire College jumper.

**JACKET:** Maroon, navy and white, featuring the College logo. Only available for purchase from the College Uniform Shop.

**BEANIE:** Plain navy blue woollen or polar fleece beanie without logos or embellishments.

**SOCKS:** Plain white, ankle or knee length.

**SHOES:** Plain black lace up shoes or T-Bars

GIRLS’ SPORTS UNIFORM – all year:

Maroon Polo Top; Plain navy Track and Field style shorts or plain navy track pants; broad brimmed hat. (Students may arrive to school in full sports uniform on the day(s) they have physical education, however students are encouraged to change into their correct school uniform after their scheduled PE class.)

Muslim female students – head scarves, as appropriate, must be plain white only worn with full length navy skirt, navy coat or College pants. Black hijabs may only be worn during the mourning period for relatives and a note must be brought from home. Hats must also be worn in Terms 1&4.

BOY’S UNIFORM—WARM WEATHER

**TROUSERS:** Dark grey—360’s or Max Dax.

**SHORTS:** Dark grey—360’s or Max Dax.
SHIRT: Official white McGuire College polo with blue logo. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)

SOCKS: Dark grey, Black or plain white, ankle length.

HAT: Wide brimmed hat that shades the face and must be worn Terms 1 and 4.

JUMPER: Official navy McGuire College windcheater with white logo OR navy knitted McGuire College jumper.

SHOES: Plain Black lace-up shoes or plain black leather slip on shoes.

BOY’S UNIFORM—COOLER WEATHER

TROUSERS: Dark grey—360’s or Max Dax

SHIRT: Official white McGuire College polo with blue logo. Senior School Students (Yrs 10-12) have the option of an alternative white business shirt and must be worn with a neatly tied school tie (available from the College)

SOCKS: Dark grey, Black or plain white, ankle length.

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SHOES: Plain Black lace-up shoes plain black leather slip on shoes.

BOYS’ SPORTS UNIFORM – all year:
Maroon Polo Top; Plain navy Track and Field style shorts or plain navy track pants; Broad brimmed hat. (Students may arrive to school in full sports uniform on the day(s) they have physical education, however students are encouraged to change into their correct school uniform after their scheduled PE class.)

ALL STUDENTS:
Neck scarves or head bands that are maroon, navy, white or combinations thereof, may be worn.
Facial piercings are not permitted except for a discrete nose stud. Ear piercings are permitted but only sleepers or studs may be worn.

All Year 12 students will have the option of a Year 12 polo top.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC SHIRTS: The following shirts are ONLY to be worn on the day of the specific subject.

• ALL VET Students will have the option of a VET polo top with their surname embroidered on the back to be worn on VET days ONLY.

• All Outdoor and Environmental Education Students will have the option of an Outdoor Ed. polo top with their surname embroidered on the back to be worn on outdoor activities or on the day(s) of their Outdoor Ed. class.

• Production Jumpers students in the production may have the option to purchase a jumper promoting their production. These may only be worn during rehearsals and the week of the production.

The McGuire College Uniform Shop (Ph 5858 9800) has a number of second hand uniforms for sale. It also sells College jackets, College Ties and the optional knitted McGuire College jumper.

The School Uniform Shop, 179 Corio Street, Shepparton. Ph 5821 3232
Goulburn Valley School Uniforms, 55 High Street, Shepparton. Ph. 5831 3355
PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs)

McGuire College accepts that mobile phones are used increasingly in society. Mobile phones provide a quick and effective means by which students can communicate with parents and guardians. It is necessary, therefore, for College administrators, teachers, students and parents to take steps to ensure that mobile phones and other PEDs are used responsibly.

The McGuire College Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy outlines the College’s position in relation to students use of mobile phones and other PEDs whilst at school, on excursions and during extra curricular activities. A copy of the policy is available from the College Wellbeing Team.

Acceptable use of mobile phones is as follows:

Mobile phones and other PEDs must be switched off and kept in a secure environment during classes, excursions and extra curricular activities. Students may use their phones to make necessary calls at break times. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the General Office remains the first point of contact. This will ensure that the student can be reached quickly and assisted in the appropriate way.

Behaviour that breaches the Acceptable Use Policy will be addressed under the consequences of the Policy.

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EMA Changes in 2015

As part of a change to Education funding from 2015, funding previously allocated to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) program will now be redirected to schools, which means there is no EMA available in 2015.

Schools will now be responsible for ensuring that students, who previously attracted the EMA, are supported to participate fully at school. Schools have complete flexibility, within their annual budgets, to address the specific needs of their students, and provide additional support, as required. This new approach will see a change in the way the previous EMA funding was allocated.

Having considered this change of policy, the 4 Shepparton Secondary schools have developed a policy that will continue support to families who were previously eligible for the EMA. This new policy is very similar in its operation and in summary includes:
1. Families who hold a current Health Care Card are eligible;
2. Support up to $250 per eligible student provided;
3. Application form to be completed at the school;

At McGuire College we have called this new program McGuire Education Funding Allowance – (MEFA. Details of the new MEFA program are below.

MEFA Eligibility:
McGuire Education Funding Allowance – (MEFA) has been established to provide financial assistance to all students whose family holds a current Health Care Card or Pension concession card, or for Foster families and this assistance be provided for all students up to the age of 16. All registrations for the program close on 28th February in the relevant school year. The eligibility date of 28th Feb is the Education Department’s student census date. The school is only funded for students attending the school on that date.

Payment Amount:
$250 per eligible student will be allocated under the WEFA program for 2015, which is to be allocated on a $ for $ basis.”
For students who turn 16 during the year a pro-rata payment will be calculated on the number of months up to and including the month of their birthday.

To Access funds through MEFA
Application forms are available from the main school office. Once registered for the program parents will be able to access their allocated amount on a $ for $ basis of funds paid to the school for school charges, materials for programs, Year 7 camp (if applicable).

*Please return your application form to the General Office and also bring your current Health Care/Pension card.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.