

Newsletter

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Dear Mazenod Community,

The Athletics Carnival always proves to be a wonderful community building day, especially for our House Sports which involves our entire School Community. In the same way that we are privileged to witness the talents of our Musicians, Drama and Visual Arts and Technology Students. It was great to see students performing to the best of their ability and inspiring others to give it a go on the track and field. I would like to congratulate Gerard House on winning the Athletics Carnival. I would also like to congratulate all the Year 12 House Captains and the Year 12 cohort who embraced the changes requested of them and focused on their athletic performance, which resulted in an incredible increase in participation across each House. I would like to thank the Sports and PE Department along with the entire Staff who help to make the day successful, safe and enjoyable for all.

On Wednesday, the Liturgy Captains from each Homeroom gathered for Ash Wednesday Mass and from there were commissioned out to bring the ashes to their Homeroom and lead the prayer service, and then distribute the ashes. Once again it was great to see our young men stepping up in different ways in leading their fellow Students and the Staff Community. The tradition of marking the forehead with ash on Ash Wednesday can be traced back to the ancient Jewish action of dusting oneself with ash as a sign of repentance for wrongful actions. It was a public declaration of the acknowledgment of the wrong and the commitment to turn one's life around and try not to make the same mistake again. It remains a public declaration that during the period of Lent those who wear the cross of ash are going to attempt to turn around their lives and re-focus themselves on God. Lent is also been a time to participate in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Easter; please find attached Archbishop Hart's Lenten reflection. [Click Here](#)

This week the Directors of ICT from Iona and Mazenod WA visited the College. Our relationship with our two other Oblate Colleges occurs on a number of levels, and sharing of ICT resources and Vision is certainly a very important and practical one. The smooth rollout of our Student Laptop Program was assisted by honest sharing with the other two Oblate Colleges.

This evening at the Inaugural Mass we officially launch our Academic Year as well as the first of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations. We have invited the first Classes of 1967/8 to participate in our celebration. Our next big event is Mission Action Day (MAD) which will take place on Sunday 26th March 2017.

This Sunday the Year 11 Students will be moving around the area knocking on doors for the Annual Red Cross Appeal.

God Bless,
Fr Christian Fini OMI
Rector

"Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel."

These words, repeated again and again by Liturgy Captains in Homerooms as those young men placed ashes on the foreheads of their classmates, resounded throughout the school on Wednesday morning. Ash Wednesday is a call to renew one's commitment to following Jesus Christ. Pope Francis' message for Lent can help each one of us to be renewed in our life with Jesus. He wrote:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favourable season [the pope continues] for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable.

[He goes on] When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, [and this is the concluding paragraph] Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. [The pope's final exhortation] Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter."

Dear families and friends of Mazenod College, let us heed these words as we take up the discipline of Lent, always mindful that our ultimate goal is the joy of the Resurrection in the communion of Saints.

Mr Stephen Lawrence
Director, Faith and Mission

As we conclude Week 5, I commend all students from Years 7 to 9 on a successful beginning to the academic year. My constant message to the boys has been the following. As a gentleman of Mazenod College your first responsibility is to be a Jesus person; a man of the Gospels. Your second responsibility is to aspire to personal excellence in all that you do. By now every boy should have an established routine for the completion of homework and study and have a quiet, distraction free place to work.

Homework and study minimum requirements are as follows:

Year 7- Four sessions of 1 hour, Year 8-Five sessions of 1.5 hours, Year 9- 6 sessions of 1.5 hours.

If your son tells you he has no homework, he is providing you with "alternative facts". There will always be something to do.

The Year 7 Personal Computer roll out has been very successful and already students are experiencing the benefits of the enhanced learning opportunities they provide. I remind parents to be vigilant with their sons to ensure appropriate use at home. No computers or phones in rooms at bed time. I have spoken already to a few young men who were playing games as late as 11:00pm.

Resilience is an essential skill that needs to be built as a boys moves through adolescence. As a parent you are the primary educator in helping your son become a resilient and independent young man. To assist in the development of your son's resilience, problem solving and independence I ask the following. If he leaves his sport bag, homework, lunch or an assignment at home, don't rescue him! He and he alone is responsible for remembering what he has to bring to school. If he forgets something, he needs to learn from any consequence given. If he knows his parents will rescue him every time he forgets something how will he learn?

Kristo Pincic and Kei Hopper making good use of portable technology



Peter Finnigan
Dean of Junior School

INAUGURAL MASS



INAUGURAL MASS FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 7.30 PM

The Inaugural Mass will be held on Friday, 3rd March 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne starting at 7.30 pm. It is essential that you are seated by 7.10 pm. This Mass is the most central and meaningful gathering of our College Community. Each year we gather in the Spiritual home of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to begin our School Year. It is expected that all students will attend wearing full school uniform.

When considering an article on the Arts and Technology Faculty, our achievements and the students who delve into our offerings so enthusiastically, I consider the various ways we can exhibit our student's work. We are after all, a faculty of accomplishment, of making models, painting or drawing, baking or computer generating. Our students produce work, tangible and tactile, observable and functional, edible and entertaining. For many students, their work is displayed in the rooms, photographed for publications or selected for exhibition. We often enter our work in competitions, Art shows and district shows. This year is no exception, except, our rooms and your son's learning environment will be open on MAD day, 26th March, and I encourage all parents to come and look at our rooms.

We are in most respects a vocational based faculty that teaches and inspires. I like to consider our rooms as the 'working part of the college' where success and achievement are hand in glove. Students acquire skills in all five disciplines of Art, Wood, Metal, Food and Graphics. They are challenged to 'achieve their best' and their best is celebrated in several formats. Many rooms exhibit the completed work on the classroom walls, some is selected for the annual magazine and this year the ACC Arts and Technology Exhibition at Federation Square, will showcase a selection of the very best from our departments. This exhibition features work from many Catholic Colleges and will be open to the public in the first week of June.

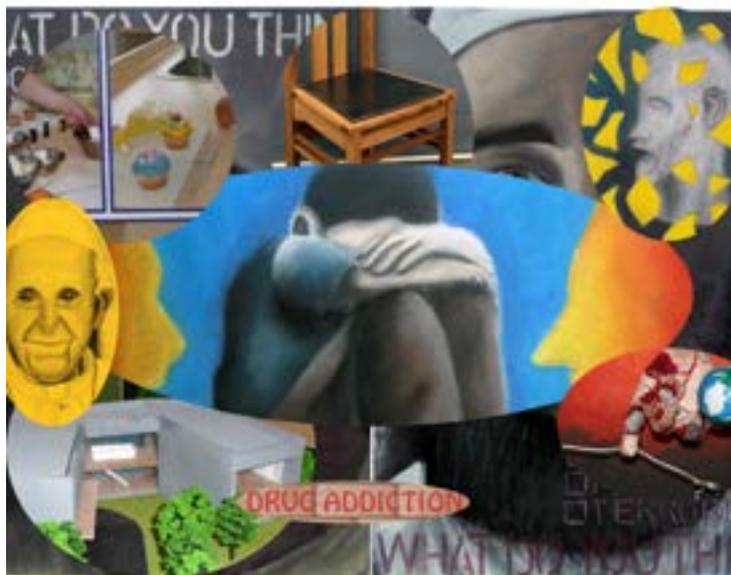
I deliberately use the term 'vocational' as the focus and end result is the acquisition and application of skills. The students see their talents expressed in many and varied tasks and the pride of their accomplishments are witnessed when they are asked to talk about their creations. Many 'life skills' are acquired in this faculty and most students utilise these learned skills in future apprenticeships or tertiary studies.

To all parents, your son's will be pleased to show you our teaching facilities on Open Days, on MAD day, in our annual Mazenodian and other special occasions. Our rooms are always open after school concludes each day and parents are welcome to come and have a look around. Your sons will be proud to introduce you to our teachers and showcase their work.

Below is a collage of some exhibits that will be on display at Federation Square in early June.

If we don't see you there, hopefully we will see you on MAD day.

Mr Michael Keady
Arts & Technology Coordinator



MUSIC

Inaugural Mass – Thanks

A big thank you to all students involved in the Music for the Inaugural Mass. There are no more rehearsals for Liturgy Choir for the rest of Term 1.

Monk Big Band Rehearsal

Monk Big Band rehearsal day has now changed from Thursday to Tuesday morning starting at 7:45am in the Founders' Complex. Please makes sure to note this down in your diaries.

ACC Concert Band Workshop – Monday

A reminder to students involved in the ACC Concert Band workshop on Monday to please bring along their instruments as well as a packed lunch. Please ensure to wear full school uniform on the day.

Musical Rehearsal starts on Sunday 5th March in the Founders' Complex. Please speak to Ms Kamevaar for further information.

MISSION ACTION DAY PERFORMANCE TIMES

Mission Action Day is fast approaching! This year it will be held on Sunday 26th March from 11am – 3pm. All performances will take place in the Founders' Complex unless stated otherwise. Below are the allocated times for each band:

11 – 11:20am CONCERT BAND
11:30 – 11:50am SYMPHONIC WIND BAND
12 – 12:20pm SWING BAND
12:30 – 12:50pm FOUNDER'S ENSEMBLE
1 – 1:20pm STAGE BAND
1:30 – 1:50pm SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2 – 3pm OLD COLLEGIANS STAGE BAND (MAIN STAGE)
2 – 2:20pm CHAMBER STRINGS
2:25 – 2:40pm BOYLE STRINGS

Please make sure you know what time your band is playing. Please make sure you turn up at least 5 minutes before your performance time so you are set up and ready to go.

2017 ENROLMENT FORMS

New 2017 Year 7 students wishing to enrol in the instrumental music program are encouraged to return their forms.

DISCONTINUING LESSONS

The closing date to discontinue lessons has not closed. If you would like to discontinue lessons, please notify the music office via email of phone. Please note: You will still be charged for term lessons if you decide to discontinue now.

If you have any queries to do with the music program, please do not hesitate to contact the music department on 8561 1108 or email the music office.

FATHERS ASSOCIATION

Fishing Trip is on this Sunday.

The annual Fathers Association fishing trip is on this Sunday. We will meet at 7.45am at the Western Port Marina Mullet Street Hastings Melways Ref 154 K12. Cast off is at 8.00 am and after that it is game on. Bring your skills, luck and hunger as we catch dinner! Looking forward to seeing you there.

CONTACT DETAILS: Andrew O'Hara 0425 870 451 or fathers.
mazenodcollege@gmail.com



LADIES AUXILIARY

Next meeting: Wednesday 22 March at 7.30pm

The evening will commence with celebrating mass in the College Chapel followed by our meeting.

MAZENOD LADIES' AUXILIARY ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

When: Friday 12 May 2017 at 7pm
Where: Waverley Golf Club, 82 Bergins Road Rowville

Guest Speaker: Lynn Berry "5000 Poppies"
<https://5000poppies.wordpress.com/>

Please note -

Maximum 10 people per table. Single or multi tickets can be purchased if you don't have a full table, you will be seated with mums from your year level, or those you have listed on your RSVP.

Further details will be coming soon – SAVE THE DATE.

DONATIONS PLEASE

We would greatly appreciate any donations that can be used for raffles on the night (gift prizes, vouchers etc). Your donation will be acknowledged and very much appreciated. Please mark your donation "Ladies Auxiliary" and drop off at the school office. Thank you.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2017/18

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Entertainment Books again this year. Please support us by purchasing a book or digital version. Only \$70 - packed with heaps of added value this year.

Watch this space for book availability and pre-order special offers.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open: Monday 20th March 2017 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Nancy 0418 553 191 or nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au

Please note: cash or cheque only - No exchange or refund
Full payment to be made at time of purchase

CANTEEN

Monday 6th March:

Christina Casse, Susan Leach, Ying Meng, Chu Lail

Tuesday 7th March:

Ying Chen, Lucy Hong, Anna Zaskowski, Andrea Zapedowksi

Wednesday 8th March:

Jennifer Valadon, Jenny Perdieleis, Rosanna Costanzo, Bridget Kihara

Thursday 9th March:

Adriana Edwards, Mary-Anne Beer, Catherine Anbar

Friday 10th March:

Kate Noone, Georgie White, Tania Little, Geraldine Todd-Muttamani



ACC SWIMMING 2017

Success can be measured in many ways and not just by a number. Our swim squad on Friday did a fantastic job representing the College even though they may not have reached the expectations they had placed on themselves. For all those who have been to an ACC event will tell you of the very high quality of swimmers amongst the other 11 Colleges. Our students performed exceptionally well posting a number of personal best performances. In some cases students took 2 and 3 seconds off their best times and we can never ask any more than this from them. Unfortunately this did not equate to any victories on the night and with our 7th place finish, we now find ourselves in Division 2 in 2018. The last time this happened we were able to regroup and rebound in quick fashion winning the Division 1 title within 3 years. We congratulate Whitefriars on their victory and as it was a very well deserved win. We thank a number of Year 12 students in Lachlan Bray, James McPhee, Danny Luong and Kevin Le on their 6 years of dedication and service to the squad. A special mention again to Mr Burgess, Mr Pearson and Mr Davies for their early mornings and encouragement over the many mornings of training. Training will start again early Term 3.

Included is a link to the ACC website that has a sensational video produced on the evening showing the many talents of all our ACC Colleges.

<http://www.accmelb.com.au/?p=5146>

**2017 INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS**

What a day it was!! The 2017 House Carnival was again an outstanding success thanks to the unbelievable enthusiasm of the student body. Participation results were over 10% higher in all events on the previous years and this shows the students fully entered into the day. In particular I would like to congratulate the outstanding efforts of the House Leaders who organised and made sure students were at their events on time and ready to race.

The highlight of the day was no doubt the Senior High Jump! Not often one event can stop a whole carnival, however the amazing efforts of Year 12 student Lau Dath did that!! At one stage we had virtually every student from the College surrounding the high jump mat chanting and clapping Lau to jump higher! Lau kept up his part of the show putting on one of the all-time great performances the College has ever witnessed. Lau quickly out jumped all his competitors and was clearly jumping the bar and 1.85 cm, the old College record produced by our Olympian and Old Boy Jeff Riseley in 2004.

Lau it would be fair to say, has a very awkward jumping style, but boy is it effective! Going up by 2cm increments Lau kept jumping the bar and quickly was way higher than the previous record at 190cm. When the height of the bar was taller than Mr Lawrence, then we knew something special was happening! With the whole College cheering him on, led by Fr Fini, Lau kept jumping higher and higher. When the bar finally reached 2 metres it felt like all of Knox had stopped to witness this amazing feat! Lau tried to go higher but with all the previous jumps fatigue was taking its toll and the new record has been set at 2.00 metres exactly!! Congratulations to Lau on a new record that is just off Olympic qualifying!! Amazing!!

New College Records	Student
Yr 12 High Jump	Lau Dath 2 metres (Jeff Riseley 2004 1.85m)
Yr 10 4 x 100 Relay	50:41 sec (Chisholm 2008 50:90 sec)

Congratulations are in order to the following students on being awarded the prestigious Year Level Champion mantle. All students were sensational in their efforts and the only way to be in contention for this award to involve yourself in as many events as possible. All 6 boys were outstanding on the day performing at a high standard in all their events!

YEAR LEVEL	AGE CHAMPION
YEAR 7	Louey Nathaniel
YEAR 8	Kosta Voursoukis
YEAR 9	Dharam Deol
YEAR 10	Jack Neil
YEAR 11	Lachlan McDonnell
YEAR 12	Lachlan Bray

With Student participation so high the carnival results were always going to be close. Up until the last hour the top 4 teams were separated by less than one hundred points. In the end though Gerard took over the race to the top with some great relay performances and individual runs in the 400's and they were in the end saluted as the supreme house in 2017! Congratulations to all those in Gerard who made the dream a reality! It was an overall team effort where all contributed. Well done to all other teams and the fact that 8th place scored over 1000 points showed how involved all teams were!

Placing	Points	House
1st-	1754	Gerard
2nd-	1620	Charlebois
3rd -	1506	Albini
4th -	147.5	Anthony
5th -	1201	Cebula
6th -	1197	Chisholm
7th -	1170.5	Grandin
8th -	1146	MacKillop

The day ran very smoothly and the staff of the College need a big thank you for their support and involvement in the day! To run as many events as we did and to get so many students through each event needs great staff manning each event. In trying conditions with the heat, I thank the staff for their enthusiasm on the day and contributing to the overall enjoyment of the day.

MAZENOD DECLARATION FIRST PRIORITY

As the sporting and school year begins we are all starting to find our feet and get some balance in our lives! Juggling school commitments can be some feat for many of our busy and talent students. It is important that we set standards and expectations early in not just our studies but all commitments to the College.

Last week was our first week back of ACC Sport and we already have students telling staff that they are unavailable due to other commitments. Life is busy and often solutions can be found when these situations are communicated early. It is very frustrating when staff find out about these circumstances from other students or students just not attending.

I would like to remind students and parents that on your Mazenod enrolment form that you signed a very important declaration on the back. It reads as follows:

DECLARATION

On the enrolment of my son ----- at Mazenod College, I accept all the rules and regulations made by the College and will assist in enforcing discipline. I acknowledge that Mazenod is a member of the Associated Catholic Colleges and accept that his attendance at the College requires him to give first priority to the ACC Sports and Music Programmes as required.

As staff we are required to meet our work obligations and I would remind students they are expected to do the same. Students need to shift work shifts, appointments so they are available to represent Mazenod when called upon. At times when this is just not possible the earliest possible notification must be given no later than 48 hours before a schedule fixture.

I look forward to the continued support of the students and parents in 2017.

ACC RESULTS

Some outstanding results on Wednesday especially in the Cricket. Our Second XI had a nail biting victory over St Bede's with victory coming off the last ball with a great running catch by Jason Weeratunga! The team started poorly but was able to get back into the game thanks to Christian Kleyn and Stephen Gosh who put on 80 between them to get the score to 145. St Bedes were cruising to victory when the spin dynamo Jackson D'Angelo was introduced to the attack. Jackson started well and as St Bede's started to get a roll on he produced a magnificent spell of bowling. Jackson took 5 wickets in 2 overs to turn the game back our way. In his second over he did what all bowlers dream of, getting a hatrick. (3 wickets in a row!) It was fitting he took the last wicket of the last ball of the game with St Bede's needing 2 runs to win!



Team	Date	Oppo	Result	Performances
Sen Cricket	1/3	SAL	6/110 def Sal 7/98	Nathan 34no, Munasinghe 33
Sen 2nd's Cricket	1/3	St Bede's	9/145 def STBM 10/144	D'Angelo 5/20 (Inc hatrick)
Sen Volley-ball	1/3	Whitefriars	A's 3/75 def W 0/48	
B's 3/75 def W 0/48				
Sen Tennis	1/3	Bye		

ACC FIXTURE

Senior Sport has begun with fixtures played on Wednesday. As per previous years Only Senior ACC sport runs in term 1.

Date	Team	H or A	Opp Col-lege	Venue	Approx Rtn
1/03/	SEN CRIC	A	St Joseph's FG	Ferntree Gully	6:00
1/03	SEN 2NDS CRIC	A	EMM	EMM Collge	6:30
1/03	SEN TEN	H	PAR	Pinewood	3:30
1/03	SEN VB	H	EMM	Provence	3:30



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From the Archives...

Inaugural Mass and celebrations

As we gather to celebrate the commencement of the academic year and the 50th Anniversary at our Inaugural Mass, it provides us time to reflect on our humble beginnings and give thanks for the benefits we now enjoy. Below is some of the images from the opening mass, held in February 1967 at St Josephs in Springvale.



If you have stories or memorabilia you would like to share about your time at Mazenod, please contact our School Archivist Marianne O'Hara at archives@mazenod.vic.edu.au or 8561 1281.

To view our digital archives:

-  <http://cdm20043.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>
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-  <https://twitter.com/MazenodVIC>
-  <https://www.instagram.com/mazenodvic/>

WASTE NOT

ways to reduce food waste

* **Store better.** If you regularly throw away stale chips/cereal/crackers/etc., try storing them in airtight containers— this should help them keep longer.

* **Repurpose leftovers scraps.** Use vegetable and meat scraps in homemade stocks, and use citrus fruit rinds and zest to add flavor to other meals.

* **Check the fridge.** Make sure it's functioning at maximum efficiency. Look for tight seals, proper temperature, etc. — this will ensure that the fridge keeps food fresh as long as possible.



VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 52 students already registered for the VPRC! A reminder that an email invitation has already been sent out to all students in Years 7-10 to register for the 2017 Challenge. We know the benefits of individual literacy improvement gained through participation and are committed to encouraging all students to be involved. Register at <http://bit.ly/VPRC-2017> or from the [Books and Reading](#) page on the Library website.



LMS UPDATE

Accessing individual student results via the Student and Parent Portal: Parents and students are able to access their assessment results on the LMS through their portal or the Parent Portal once a teacher has released the marks for viewing.

From Monday 27 February 2017 parents will receive one weekly email outlining any new results and/or comments entered. However, parents and students will still be able to check their results as often as they desire. This replaces the individual alerts for individual tasks. If parents have yet to receive or have difficulties accessing the Parent Portal, they should contact College Reception.

CALENDAR

Sun 5th Mar	Fathers' Association Fishing Trip
Sun 5th Mar	Triathlon (Sandringham)
Mon 6th Mar	ACC Concert Band Workshop@ St Bede's
Mon 6th Mar	Year 12 Reflection Day
Mon 6th Mar	Yr 8 Snorkelling Day 1
Tue 7th Mar	Interviews for Prospective Students (2018)
Tue 7th Mar	Yr 8 Snorkelling Day 2
Wed 8th Mar	Year 12 Musicians Dinner
Wed 8th Mar	Yr 8 Snorkelling Day 3
Thu 9th Mar	Rock Climbing Day 5
Thu 9th Mar	Yr 8 Snorkelling Day 4
Fri 10th Mar	Interviews for Prospective Students (2018)
Fri 10th Mar	Yr 8 Snorkelling Day 5



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

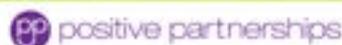


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CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT) 2017 - Don't Miss the UMAT!

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is used to assist in the selection of students into medicine and some health science degree programs at undergraduate level.

UMAT is designed to assess general attributes and abilities gained through prior experience and learning; specifically, the acquisition of skills in critical thinking and problem solving, understanding people and abstract non-verbal reasoning. These abilities are considered important to the study, and later practice, of professions in the health sciences.

Who is required to sit UMAT?

Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens applying for the following undergraduate courses must complete the UMAT. Every year a handful of students, who want to study medicine, or health sciences find they can't apply because they didn't know they had to sit the UMAT. It is a huge disappointment for those students, but something that is easily avoided.

Some of the universities that require UMAT include:

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| • Curtin University | Medicine |
| • The University of Adelaide | Medicine, Dental Surgery |
| • Flinders University | Clinical Sciences/BMBS, Vision Science |
| • Charles Darwin University | Clinical Sciences |
| • Charles Sturt University | Dental Science |
| • Monash University | Medicine |
| • La Trobe University | Health Science (Dentistry),
Oral Health Science |
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| • The University of Newcastle/University of New England | Joint Medical |
| • The University of NSW | Medicine |
| • The University of Tasmania | Medicine |
| • The University of QLD | Medical(provisional entry) Dental Science |
| • The University of Western Australia | Medicine,Dental Medicine |
| • University of Western Sydney | Medicine |
| • The University of Auckland, NZ | Medicine |
| • University of Otago, NZ | Medicine, Dental Surgery |

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

What does the UMAT involve?

UMAT is a prerequisite for a number of courses. It is an independent test run on behalf of a consortium of universities and run only once a year – in 2017 the date is Wednesday 26 July 2017. UMAT tests skills in three constructs: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving, Interpersonal Understanding and Non-verbal Reasoning. Candidates will be given 3 hours to complete the test.

UMAT registration and preparation

Registrations for UMAT are now open and close Friday 2 June 2017 at 5pm. Late entries, which attract an extra fee, are accepted until Friday 16 June 2017 until 5pm. If students miss out, they have to wait until the following year. So, it is vitally important to make sure anyone considering medicine, dentistry or health sciences registers for the test.

Preparing for UMAT

ACER produces the only official UMAT Preparation materials and these are available online through the UMAT website. Please note that the practice materials can only be completed online. There are currently four practice tests available: UMAT Practice Test 1, **UMAT Practice Test 2 UMAT Practice Test 3 and Additional Practice Questions**. UMAT Practice Test 1 will be included with the UMAT2016 Registration. In addition, candidates will have access to some free preparation videos once they complete their registration to sit UMAT2016.

NEITHER ACER NOR THE UMAT CONSORTIUM CONDUCT UMAT PREPARATION COURSES. ACER AND THE UMAT CONSORTIUM UNIVERSITIES DO NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE ANY COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE COURSES OFFERING UMAT PREPARATION. NOR DOES ACER OR THE CONSORTIUM HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONTENT OF SUCH COURSES, OR ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT, OR ANY COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN THE PROGRAMS. THUS THE UMAT OFFICE AND MAZENOD COLLEGE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THEIR RELEVANCE OR USEFULNESS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME PREPARATION COURSES MIGHT PROVIDE MISLEADING INFORMATION OR ADVICE TO CANDIDATES.

Please note:

- Candidates must be in at least their final year of schooling, or above, to be eligible to sit UMAT i.e. they must be completing, or already have completed, Year 12 in 2017. Year 11 students or students competing Year 12 over two years are NOT permitted to sit UMAT. Candidates found to have sat UMAT in Year 11 will have their results cancelled and will not be allowed to sit UMAT again.
- Student ID cards are not accepted as appropriate photo identification. The only forms of identification accepted by ACER include:
 - o A current passport issued within 2 years
 - o Current driver's licence or learner's permit (photo bearing)
 - o Current (photo-bearing) Keypass, Proof of Age Card or 18+ Card
- Candidates are now required to upload their photograph when they register online. The photo will be printed on their Admission Ticket and Statement of Results.
- Candidates with a visual, hearing, physical or other impairment who apply for special testing conditions must do so in writing, no later than Friday 16 June 2017.
- Candidates registering for the Concession Registration Fee and/or unable to pay by credit card must return their proof of concession and/or money order within 2 weeks of registering or but the registration deadline (whichever comes first).

some tutorials and a quiz are now available on the UMAT website. Candidates should watch these tutorials and complete the quiz questions before registering for the test.

- UMAT has Facebook and Twitter accounts. Candidates are encouraged to follow UMAT on social media. Links are provided on the UMAT website.

More information

Please see Ms. Seremetis in the Careers Office. The UMAT website gives details about the test and an online registration process <http://umat.acer.edu.au> Students will need to register their details online, select the appropriate test centre, select the relevant registration fees (concession is available in some cases), select method of payment, review all selections and complete the registration.

DON'T JUST IMAGINE, EXPERIENCE

Last year the [Experience La Trobe](#) series attracted a record-breaking crowd across La Trobe's campus network - welcoming over 3,000 students and their parents.

La Trobe University is excited to announce that 2017 registrations are almost open for Year 10 - 12 students and parents to join them for the upcoming Melbourne Experience La Trobe event in April.

La Trobe will be hosting a variety of popular event across all campuses on the following dates:

- Melbourne campus, Friday 7 April & Thursday 6 July
- Bendigo campus, Wednesday 5 July
- Albury-Wodonga campus, Friday 26 May
- Shepparton campus, Tuesday 4 July
- Mildura campus, Friday 7 July

Students will have the opportunity to attend workshops, lectures and seminars whilst being exposed to areas of the university not usually available on Open Day. Students will also have the chance to talk to current academics and La Trobe students to find out what their dream career is really like.

Meanwhile, mums and dads have the option to attend the 'parents session' covering topics such as university costs, courses and admissions.

Look out for the full Experience program, in the coming weeks or find out more about Experience La Trobe [here](#).

NEW PATHWAYS TO STUDY AT ANU

The Australian National University (ANU) are introducing the following pathway programs to prepare students for entry into Bachelor-level study:

- » Diploma of Creative Arts
- » Diploma of Music
- » Diploma of Science (details coming soon)

Click on the links to find out more.

NEW BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE AT ANU

Starting in 2018, the Bachelor of Health Science will deliver an interdisciplinary research led and focussed education that will equip graduates for career pathways in medicine, allied health, health organisations and public service. Students can pathway into the Master of Public Health as a part of a Flexible Vertical Double Degree (FVDD). Further details will be released soon.

Mrs Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator

Mass Times

Mass in the Mazenod Chapel – Monday to Friday, 8.10am during Term
St Leonard's, Glen Waverley, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:00am, 10:00am
Good Shepherd Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 6pm
St Justin's, Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am
St Joseph's, Springvale, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 3pm(Viet), 5:30pm
St. John Vianney's, Springvale North, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:30pm
St Peter's, Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11:15am (Italian)
St Simon's, Rowville, Sat (Vigil) 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
St Gerards's, Dandenong North, Mon-Fri 9:15am, Fri 7pm, Sat 9:15am, 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun 7am (Latin), 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
St Paul the Apostle, Endeavour Hills, Mon-Tues & Fri 9am, Wed 7pm, Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am, 6pm
Holy Saviour, Vermont South, Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am
St Elizabeth's, Dandenog North, Tues-Thur 9:15am, Sat 6:30pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am; 5:30pm
St Anthony's, Noble Park, Tue-Sat 9:30am, Wed 7pm, Sat (Vigil) 6:30 pm, Sun 8:15am, 9:30am, 11am, 5:30pm