

Newsletter

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Dear Mazenod Community,

It was indeed a wonderful sight to see a packed St Patrick's Cathedral last Friday, coming together to celebrate as a community at the beginning of the Academic Year. It is only appropriate that we as a Catholic Community gather on this occasion to give thanks to God for the past and the many opportunities at the College we asked for God's Blessing for our College Leaders, Senior Students and the year ahead.

I would like to congratulate the Students who participated in the ACC Triathlon at the nice and early hour of 6 am on Sunday at Sandringham. Congratulations to the Students for their achievements and thanks to the Staff for their dedication.

As part of our effort for Environmental Sustainability, the College has been undergoing a number of modules through Sustainability Victoria to receive an official rating. After a year of hard work by Students and Staff, we have completed the first module and have achieved one-star rating, and this year we will endeavour to complete further modules.

This morning in extended Homeroom, Mission Action Day was launched and I would like to encourage all families to assist in supporting the Oblate Missions overseas.

As you are aware there has been a crack down on uniform standards and how they are to be worn. I am pleased to see there has been a marked improvement over the last week. This is an expectation of the College and part of our Disciplinary Policy. I would like to thank you as parents for your support on this matter and all areas of your son's education.

This Friday I leave for France to participate in the second International Congress on Oblate Mission with Youth, the first was held here in Australia in 2008. I have been asked to be one of the representatives from the Asian Region. The Congress will be held in the Oblate Foundation House of Aix, as mentioned in previous newsletters, the very house that on 25th Jan, 200 years ago, the first Oblate Community gathered to live.

The Australian Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate has a proud tradition of meeting the needs of young people through contact with them in our Parishes, College, Rosies and other Youth Ministries.

From the very birth of the Congregation, ministry to young people has been a priority. The Founder himself, as a newly ordained Priest, recognised the need to pay particular attention to young people in his own home town of Aix.

The turmoil of St Eugene's own upbringing offers us an insight into the reason for his early attention to young people and also his ability to understand them and to speak to their hearts. St Eugene De Mazenod was, however, lucky to have found mentors who were there at the crucial moments to help him take the turns that would make him a mature adult. St Eugene de Mazenod knew how much he owed them. He knew that they had played a big part in his growth and personal development. These experiences taught him that young people need such adults in their lives in order to grow up. In his own words: "It will also be for young people that I will work. I will strive, I will attempt to preserve them from the evils which threaten them."

Over the next week and a half Mr Tony Coghlan will be acting Principal.

God bless
Fr Christian Fini OMI
Rector

One of the innovations that have had a positive impact on the Mazenod Community this year is the introduction of Senior VCAL in Year 12. The decision was made to extend our VCAL Program from Year 11 to Year 12 so that the students could consolidate the skills that they had learnt throughout Year 11 and to further develop these through the final year of their schooling in Year 12. Employers also prefer older students as they are closer to obtaining their licence and hopefully have gained in maturity throughout that final year.

For a first time course this program has been deemed to be a great success with a pleasing pick up rate from last year's Year 11s. The Year 12 VCAL class has an enrolment of twenty five students all with a variety of aims, ambitions and aspirations for their future. Students are investigating careers in building and construction, mechanics, the electrical industry, plumbing and aged care.

Senior VCAL is a course that is made up of many components: Senior Numeracy, Senior Literacy, Work Related Skills, Personal Development Skills, an internal VET course run at the College and an external VET course that is conducted at TAFE. Students receive their Religious Education alongside the other Year 12 students during the five RE days that are conducted at the College.

An integral component of the course is a day of work placement. The purpose of this day is to provide students with industry based skills that help them determine whether their chosen career is suitable and to see if this is how they wish to spend their working life. Sometimes it is difficult for a student to procure a work placement in the industry that they have an interest. They are then encouraged to source any type of work as the skills of punctuality, hard work, displaying initiative, asking questions and developing a rapport with fellow work colleagues are valuable skills that will hold them in good stead for the future.

This year, a Year 12 Student has already left school to follow his dream of taking up an apprenticeship and joining the workforce. Nathan Hill left school after two weeks when an apprenticeship became available. Nathan is one of our success stories and we envisage that throughout the year other boys will leave us when the right position becomes available. That is the benefit of the VCAL Program. It places students on the work force floor and lets them to get a taste of real work while allowing the employer the opportunity to see if that individual is the best fit for their company's needs. We have had numerous young men experience extended work placements this term. They have all enjoyed the challenges and responsibilities expected of young men seeking an apprenticeship.

The VCAL Program is one that is forever looking for work placements. If you are in the position to assist with a placement, within any industry, please contact the VCAL Coordinator, Mr Matt Johnson on 8561 1115. Senior VCAL has provided students with a wonderful opportunity to finish school while learning industry skills. Hopefully it will be a much valued program, cemented in the College curriculum for many years to come.

Mr Tony Rolfe
Deputy Principal - Operations

HUMANITIES



"What did happen to the Iceman?" said one year 7 to another as I walked up the stairs to write this article. I didn't hear the answer but the first unit of Year 7 History is biting. As the introduction goes "Scientists, detectives, archaeologists like to leave no stone unturned...or, leave nothing undared. For every answer that is discovered, more questions arise!" This 30 year old physically fit Iceman was so perfectly preserved in ice for 5,000 years that you can see stubble on his chin. So how did he die? This question is posed to students as they ponder why his arms are crossed in death. Who knows where a course in ancient history could lead? Robert Todesco Archaeologist?...

"What started as a childhood fascination with Ancient Egypt in Grade 1 ignited a dream to do archaeology; and, admittedly, Indiana Jones may have played a part. This is something I've always aspired to do and it's what gave me purpose at school; a reason to put in the effort I did. So strong was this passion that, even now when I've been told that with a 99 ATAR I should be looking at entering a more "prestigious" profession like law, I've refused to budge; this is what I love and I won't let some number dictate my aspirations." Dux Robert Todesco's speech. Robert is doing an Arts degree at Melbourne University leading to his dream of being an Archaeologist.

However, as Robert indicated above, Law, often attracts the brightest of Humanities students. Renn Opt Hoog, second highest scored student has embarked with his three brothers on an Arts degree at Melbourne but Law is his end goal. The abilities to argue, analyze, synthesize and evaluate are well developed in the Humanities and it is hoped that both Robert and Renn are well prepared. Robert gained scaled scores of Religion and Society 50, History 49, English 48, Literature 47, Maths Specialists 47, and Renn scored English 50, Religion and Society 48, History 48, Literature 47, Global Politics 47. Good luck Rob and Renn.

Recently posed in a Year 10 Humanities class was the following: "Would you allow a really helpful invention that has cost the lives of 1.3 million people, injured or incapacitated between 20 million and 50 million people, polluted the atmosphere and delayed other helpful aspects of cities?" We are talking about the development of the automobile. The "Roaring Twenties" is the time period and that question is posed along with "Was the Twenties any different to other decades?". The students look at crazy inventions and not so crazy inventions (sliced bread, cars become common place), movies (watching segments of Charlie Chaplin), women's emancipation, booming economy and their local suburb. They had four periods to research seven categories and to present their findings on each. This eventually led to an extended response on the decade as a whole, under test conditions. At the end, a debate over the value of cars provided some thought provoking responses. Stretch the brain, think creatively, argue logically and support with evidence. As Einstein said "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

"Why does it seem like the UN are unable to do anything about North Korea's continuing aggression through nuclear testing?" The Year 12 Politics class are currently studying the aims, roles and power of the different institutions of global governance. They have looked in-depth at the structure of United Nations and the contemporary issues that the UN is dealing with. For example, The UN Security Council passed a resolution in 2013 imposing sanctions on North Korea, however these sanctions have not been fully enforced, due to the conflicting national interests of UN member states and other global actors. Last week an astute member of the Year 12 Global Politics class discovered this article from The Guardian about negotiations between China and the United States to come to an agreement on a draft resolution to punish North Korea for their most recent nuclear tests. This resolution is likely to be voted upon in the Security Council this week.

"Melbourne's population is projected to reach 7 million people by 2050. Up to 1.6 million new dwellings will be required to support this growing population. Where will we put them all and what impact will this have on the economy, environment and our society?" As usual, it is up to the Geographers to find elegant solutions to these complex problems. The Year 12 Geographers have been busy exploring various options including revolutionising the way cities manage their water supply and using mixed land uses to reduce the impacts of dense urbanisation. Next term they will be tackling even bigger issues such as deforestation, desertification and melting glaciers. Meanwhile the Year 11 class have been studying geological hazards and disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes and will soon study the causes and effects of bushfires and flooding. There has never been a more crucial time to study Geography!

Mr Joe Moore
Head of Humanities

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday, 7th March

Chu Lau, Leah Paten, Tina Vellis, Jasmin Kilcline

Tuesday, 8th March

Jodie Wyllie, Sue Glennon, Betty Chmielewski, Lata D'Souza

Wednesday, 9th March

Marg Ford, Jenny Perdakis, Yohani Punyadasa, Rebekah Fitzgerald

Thursday, 10th March

Jo Airo-Farulla, Mary Alwyn, Joanne Sullivan, Laura Laje

Friday, 11th March

Mia Dalamagas, Trish Mahon, Flora Palleschi, Connie Mannix, Teresa Tork

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Twilight - Barefoot Bowls and Pizza Night.

When: TONIGHT 4th March, 2016

Where: Glen Waverley Bowls Club
690 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley.

Time: 6.00 pm start (Early game: as venue has no outdoor lights.) Pizza will be supplied after game. Socks can be worn
Drinks are at bar prices
SEE YOU THERE!

REMINDERS:

There will be NO March Ladies Auxiliary meeting NEXT WEEK.

COMING SOON – DETAILS FOR THIS YEARS MOTHERS' DAY ANNUAL DINNER-FRIDAY 6TH MAY, 2016 SAVE THE DATE WATCH THIS SPACE FOR ALL DETAILS COMING SOON

Entertainment Books 2016/2017 COMING SOON

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling the Entertainment books again this year.

Please support us by purchasing a book or digital version.

Only \$65 and you will make heaps of savings.

Watch this space for book availability.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open:

Monday 7th March, 2016 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm

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

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Dates and times for this Semester's Parent Teacher Interviews are listed below, all interviews are 5 minutes in duration. We conduct our Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews in Term 1 as we believe that early contact with Parents is an essential element in successful study. All Students are expected to attend one of these evenings in school uniform. Teachers are readily available to have appointments with all of their students.

Date:	Mon 21st Mar	All classes conclude at 12:15 pm on this day.
Sessions:	1 1 pm - 3 pm.	2 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. 3 6:30 pm - 9 pm

Date:	Wed 23rd Mar	All classes conclude at 12:15 pm on this day.
Sessions:	1 1 pm - 3 pm.	2 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm 3 6:30 pm - 9 pm

For these interviews we are again using the internet-based booking system, Parent Teacher Online (PTO). It enhances our communication with families. This will be available from the Mazenod College website from Monday, 7th March at 6 pm.

Further information including family login username and password have been posted. If you have not received this information, please contact the College on 9560 0911.

Students are dismissed on each of these days at 12.15 pm

CALENDAR

Sun 6 Mar	Red Cross Door Knock Appeal
Mon 7 Mar	Year 8 Snorkelling Day 1
Mon 7 Mar	Year 12 Reflection Day 1
Tue 8 Mar	Year 8 Snorkelling Day 2
Wed 9 Mar	Year 8 Snorkelling Day 3



SPORT

ACC TRIATHLON

Sixteen students braved an early start on Sunday morning to compete in the first ACC Triathlon at Sandringham. The event was tied into the public event and the boys competed in the short course hit the water shortly after 7 am. The boys competed individually and in teams and swam 300 metres, rode 5 km and ran 2 km. The boys did an outstanding performance with Will Collins winning his age group. All the students involved loved the experience and no doubt have the Tri bug. We also had a number of boys compete in the long sprint distance event which is 750 metre swim, 20 km ride and 5 km run. All Mazenod students performed very well here with Oliver Van Rensburg completing the distance in a personal best time. Ryan Koroknai rode one of the fastest 20 km times, so you can see that the Mazenod students excelled in many areas. We congratulate the following students on attending and completing the Triathlon: Julian Smith, Dermott Longley-Pakeman, Emilitt Aji Mathew, Will Collins, Ben Collins, Adam Odrowaz, Patrick Blake, Matthew Stevenson, James McPhee, Ryan Koroknai, Ryan O'Hara, Oliver Van Rensburg, John-Paul Canavan and Taylor Siwek. Special mention to the parents for getting up early and getting students to the event. Also, thank you to our magnificent coaches Mr Michael Pearson and Mr Hayden Davies who have trained and mentored the boys over the Summer. With their enthusiasm and interest from the boys we look to further develop the triathlon training and participation next summer with Team Mazenod.



A FIRST FOR MAZENOD

In a first for the College, Year 10 student Eamon Trigg is representing Mazenod in the "Interschool Show Jumping Series." Eamon rides the family horse Kiewa, who after an unsuccessful horse racing career found his hoofs with jumping. Eamon competed in the senior height class event competing against students from many other Catholic Colleges around Victoria. The series has an event every Term and Eamon and Kiewa are in training for the Winter event. Eamon did a wonderful job finishing 6th in his two sections and gaining six points in the overall category. We wish Eamon every success over the year and we will keep you posted as the year progresses.



ACC ATHLETICS

The Athletics Carnival will play a vital role in helping us identify talent for the upcoming ACC Athletics Carnival. As you may not be aware due to the Australian Grand Prix, the ACC has had to change our date to the first week in Term 2, Friday 15th April. Though this will give us extra time to prepare it will also mean that we have a disjointed preparation. Some initial training will begin in early March and all students are invited and welcome to train. Sessions will be held at the College after school.

CONGRATS TO OLD COLLEGIANS VETS AND PETER RILEY

Last Sunday afternoon at the College our very own Mr Peter Riley was part of the Old Collegian Veteran Team that played off and won their Grand Final. Mr Riley was up to his best taking 1 for 8 off 6 overs and restricted the other team to 129 runs, which they made comfortably. It was also pleasing to see Peter's brother Mick who is also an Old Boy and father of current student Tom Riley named Man of the Match with his 2 for 6 off 6 overs. The Riley's are legends of the Club and are still giving back to the College Community with their involvement with both the Cricket and Football Clubs. Mazenod congratulate him and the team on their wonderful achievement.



SENIOR RESULTS ROUND 4

TEAM	RESULT	INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES
SEN CRICKET v St Bernard's	STBE 10/118 def Maz 10/89	S Nathan 4/20
SEN 2'S CRICKET v St Bede's	Maz 10/101 lost STBM 1/102	
SEN TENNIS v Simmonds	Maz 11/78 def Sim 1/12	
SEN VOLLEYBALL A v Sim	3/75 def Sim 0/30	
SEN VOLLEYBALL B v Sim	3/75 def Sim 0/23	

ROUND 5

TEAM	RESULT	INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES
SEN CRICKET v St Bede's	Maz 9/138 lost STBM 8/139	McPhee 42, T Riley 30 & 1/16
SEN 2'S CRICKET v DLS	Maz 8/161 def DLS 7/152	Lynage 38
SEN TENNIS v Parade	Maz 4/32 lost Par 8/ 43	
SEN VOLLEYBALL A v Parade	Maz 3/75 def Par 0/41	
SEN VOLLEYBALL B v Parade	Maz 3/75 def Par 0/24	

FIXTURE WEEK 7

DATE	TEAM	VENUE	APPROX RETURN
WED 9th March	Sen Cricket v St Bedes	Mazenod turf	6:30 pm
WED 9th March	2nds Cricket v DLS	Mazenod Syn	6:30 pm
WED 9th March	Sen Tennis v Parade	TBC	3:30 pm
WED 9th March	Sen Volleyball v Parade	DANDENONG	4:00 pm

Mass Times

Mass in the Mazenod Chapel – Monday to Friday, 8.10am during Term
 St Leonard's, Glen Waverley, Sat 6:30pm, Sun 8am, 10am
 Good Shepherd Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 6pm
 St Justin's, Wheelers Hill, Sat 7pm, 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) 7pm, Sun 8:15am, 9:30am, 11am, 5:30pm

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

RMIT UNIVERSITY UPDATE

RMIT SCIENCE TOUR

The Science in the City tour takes you on a behind the scenes tour of RMIT's laboratory facilities.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about the Science courses on offer and the research and training facilities available on campus. This event will be held over the school holidays on Wednesday 30th March.

[More information and registration](#)

MY BROCHURE

This simple-to-use online tool allows students to create their own personalised RMIT course brochure in minutes. International and local students can use 'My Brochure' to explore RMIT's vocational, undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Potential students can then add relevant extra information (from facilities to funding) before their personalised brochure is emailed to them. A fantastic tool worth exploring!

For more information click [here](#).

10% OFF SHORT COURSES FOR TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

Teachers, students and parents can now receive a 10% discount on all media and communication short courses. Use the promo code 'SCHOOLS10' when you book any courses in:

[Web and App Design](#)
[Sound, Lighting and Live Production](#)
[Modelling, Games and Animation](#)
[Video, Film and Television](#)
[Professional Writing and Editing](#)
[Creative, Comedy and Screen Writing](#)
[Recording](#)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PILOT?

RMIT flight training are hosting drop in sessions at Point Cook throughout February and March.

Experienced flight instructors will be on hand to answer all you need to know about pilot training including fees, what you'll study and how to apply.

For more information click [here](#)

General Careers Update:

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder to all year 10 students that work experience forms must be returned to Ms. Seremetis by Thursday 24th March 2016. This is the last week of term 1. Work Experience dates for 2016 are Tuesday 14th - Monday 20th June (5 day placement).

WORK EXPERIENCE AT VICROADS

VicRoads Work Experience Program gives secondary students the opportunity to experience the relationship between school studies and the world of work, helping them make appropriate career choices.

Each year VicRoads offers placements for approved secondary school work experience.

VicRoads offer work experience in areas such as:

- Engineering
- Finance / Accounting
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Media / Communications
- Information Technology

Applications for 2016 Work Experience Program are now open and will close on Sunday 6 March 2016.

For more information and to apply online, click [here](#)

TRAVEL WITH PURPOSE THIS SUMMER WITH PROJECTS ABROAD

Summer 2016/17 may feel like a lifetime away, but there's no better time to start planning ahead for an unforgettable overseas experience. A High School Project is a unique opportunity for students in years 10 and 11 (11 & 12 in NZ) to embark on a volunteering trip in a safe and supportive environment.

Spend two weeks volunteering alongside a group of like-minded students from across the globe, while contributing positively to communities in need. A High School Project is ideal for those keen to make new friends, see the world, understand a new culture and even gain insight into a potential career path.

2016/17 Projects

The 2016/17 trips will run from December 10-23 and January 8-21 in [Cambodia, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand and the Philippines](#).

The projects are a rich mixture of volunteer work and cultural activities, so you can really immerse yourself into local life. There are loads of projects that you can choose from!

You can:

- Support the care and education of children in Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Cambodia
- Become part of a traditional village community in Fiji
- Learn to dive and assist in marine conservation work in Thailand
- Help to reconstruct schools and homes devastated by the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal
- Shadow doctors in medical work experience in Nepal
- Take part in community outreach programmes in the Philippines

These projects are fully-supervised, and are an unforgettable and worthwhile way to travel with purpose this summer! [Download the 2016/17 High School Projects leaflet for more info »](#)

Projects Abroad Open day: Melbourne – Saturday March 19 [Head to the website to register your free place »](#)

STEM AND THE FUTURE OF WORK IN AUSTRALIA

Research indicates that Australia is massively short of people with STEM skills. The UK and USA have the same problem. In Australia 16% of university students graduate with a STEM subject degree. Compared to all other degrees STEM has flat lined since 2003 despite the many programs to encourage students to take on these subjects. Australia has a shortage of people in a sector where 75% of the new jobs created will require a STEM qualification. This is compounded by the fact that many jobs will disappear to automation and disruptive technologies. Many new jobs will be created and it is these jobs that require a competence in technology.

It's hard to get students to engage in technology. They love to use it and will be the beneficiaries of its boundless opportunities but getting them to study these subjects is another matter.

Over the past year a number of publications and research papers on STEM have been released and some of the best reports, listed below, will give you excellent insight into the economic and future work issues facing future jobs in Australia.

- [Ensuring young Australians have skills and experience for the jobs of the future, not the past](#). Foundation for Young Australians PDF
- [Progressing STEM Skills in Australia](#): Australian Industry Group. PDF
- [The Future of work](#): How we can adapt to survive and thrive. Chartered Accountants. PDF

Vivian Seremetis – Careers Coordinator

SJV YOUTH
TRIMA NIGHT

RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION, DOOR PRIZE and more...

BYO Food and Drink
Food will be available for purchase on the night!

\$10 per person

SATURDAY 9th APRIL
7pm to 11pm

Parish Hall
(adjacent to carpark)
St. John Vianney's Parish
23 Police Road, Mulgrave

For bookings:
Vanessa
0401 915 871

PARKING

Dear Parents,

On several occasions the College has issued our directive regarding pick-up and drop off and made the request to parents and students that the boys are **not to be picked up or dropped off in the lower end of Murdoch Ave.**

The residents have requested this directive and the Monash Council have supported them by designating the northern side of the road as a Permit Zone. The Council has issued infringement notices in the past when the directive has not been adhered to.

The College is currently negotiating permits for new buildings and it hinders our negotiations when we do not have our house in order. We have been asked to instruct parents **not to pick up or drop off students in this area.**

Students are required to walk along Monash Drive, even when it rains. If a student is injured, arrangements can be made to have him picked up and dropped off at a designated area on the school grounds. Please view the map below highlighting the **NO PICK UP OR DROP OFF** zones.

Parents, please adhere to these directives, and please listen to your son when he insists on being picked up and dropped off on Monash Drive.

Mr Tony Coghlan
Deputy Principal – Students



ROSIES CHARITY GOLF DAY 2016

The 5th Annual Golf Day will be held at Ranfurly Golf Club Cranbourne on Friday, 8th April. Tee off will be at 12.00 midday. Entry fee \$60 with all proceeds going to the maintenance and running costs of the NEW Rosies Bus. All golfers welcome, 2 competitions 1/AGU handicappers and 2/Callaway for non-handicappers.

Donations/raffle prizes are most welcome. Inquiries can be made to Brendan McCusker (9790 6147). Entries can be made direct on line at www.rosiesvc.oblates.com.au or phone Brendan



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



FATHERS ASSOCIATION

2016 Mazenod Fathers Association Fishing Trip. Sunday 6th March

The Fathers Association would like to invite all families to the 2016 Annual Family Fishing Trip. A fantastic time was had by many during the last four trips involving fishing, food and an overall relaxing time with other families. This year it will be held on the 6th March from 7.30 am to 12 noon. It will be held at Westernport Marina, Mullet Street Hastings Mel ways Ref 154 K12. The cost is only \$65 per person and there are limited places available. Tickets can be booked at <http://www.trybooking.com/JSBO> OR <http://www.trybooking.com/170392>

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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

NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Mission Action Day Closure/Extra Times for P/T Interviews

The Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Thursday 24th March due to Mission Action Day. Otherwise we will be open:

Monday 21st March 12.30 am to 7 pm
Tuesday 22nd March 12.30 am to 4 pm
Wednesday 23rd March 12.30 am to 7 pm

School Holidays
Saturday 9th April 9.30 am to 11.30 am

MUSIC NEWS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hairspray rehearsal; this Sunday
Musical rehearsal starts this Sunday 6th March, 11.30am – 2.30pm in the Founders' Complex. Please make sure you are there at least 10 minutes before start time so we can start on time.