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Principal's Report

Return to face-to-face learning and teaching

It was with great anticipation that the college prepared to welcome back students in Years 8, 9 and 10 this week. There was certainly a lot of catching up to do for both staff and students and it was appreciated that students adapted quickly to the new COVID requirements. We certainly all look very different with masks and the variety and colourful nature of the masks was great to see.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents for your support over the last thirteen weeks as you juggled working from home with your children learning from home and supporting them through the period of lockdown.

The most important things families can do now to ensure we all stay safe is to keep your student at home if they are feeling unwell. If they have COVID like symptoms please have them tested and wait for the results before they return to school. If your student tests positive please inform the college immediately.

Student drop off and pick up and contacting or visiting the college

Parents who are dropping off and picking up students should do this at the gym car park. Parents should stay in their cars and wait for students to find them. As parking within the college is now limited due to the building program please do not hesitate to wait in the marked car parks behind the gym.

Advice is currently that visitors to the college should be limited so if you are able to conduct your requests via the phone or via email that would be appreciated. If your request requires you to come to the college during the day please report to the office on your arrival and park in one of the car parks in front of the office and NOT at the gym so that you do not walk through the college grounds. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Curriculum Day

This week will allow all staff to assess where students are up to and be able to adjust courses to support students moving forward. To facilitate this process Monday November 2nd is a Curriculum Day for staff at the college. This means it is a student free day.

Year 12 Examinations

The external written examinations for Year 12 students will commence on Tuesday 10th November and continue to December 1st. Whilst this is later than normal it is never the less an important time for them and students at the college are asked to stay away from the Senior Science building during this time to ensure that the students undertaking examinations have a quiet environment in which they can concentrate to do their best.

Pathways planning and subject choices

The course selection process for students in Year 9 into Year 10 is progressing well and the on line video conferences occurred last week. The selection of Arts and Technology subjects for students from Year 8 into Year 9 next year is also progressing well. Parents and students have adapted well to the Webex video conference platform and courses will be confirmed in December.

Stage 3 Building Works

Over the term break the asbestos was removed from the buildings to be demolished and the building site is now fenced off and the demolition has commenced. The space at the end of Building B is now very open and the bottom section of the link corridor has also been demolished.

Margaret Uren

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All responses to the survey are anonymous.

This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 26th October to Friday 13th November.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the set timeline on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like more information.

PRESENTATION BALL 2021 SATURDAY 29TH MAY

Notices for Participation in the 2021 Presentation Ball have been given out for this Year's 11 students who are wanting to participate.

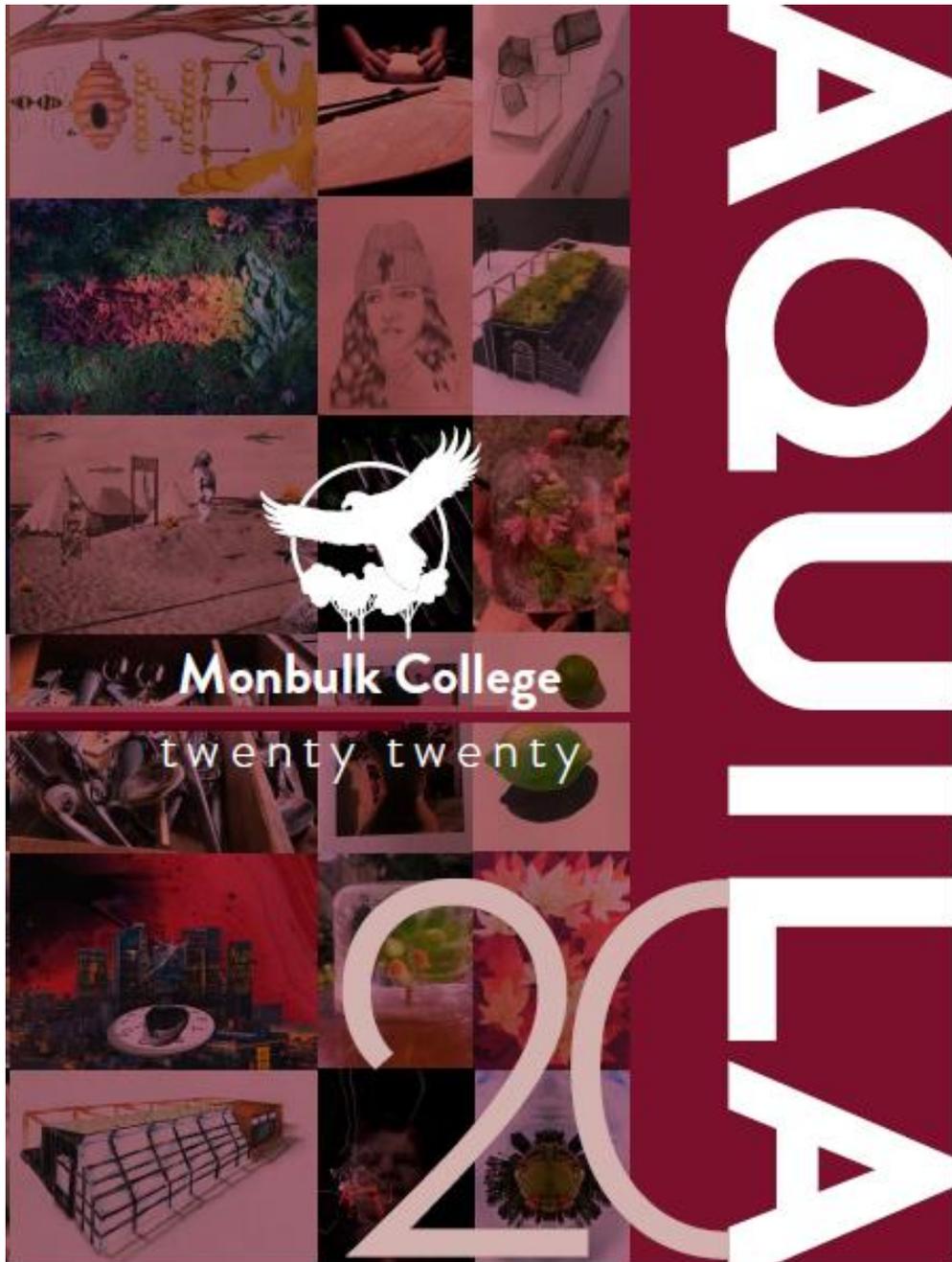
New forms will have to be completed as the dates have changed.

Notices for participation in the 2021 Presentation Ball will be given out to all Year 10 students next week.

Please complete the form and hand them into the office ASAP, so we can organize numbers for next year.

Kerrie Cotterell

Presentation Ball Co-ordinator



AQUILA 2020 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE \$15 (available from School Office)

Magazine Features:

- Individual student photos
- Year level highlights pages
- Autographs page
- Loads of photos
- Virtual Cross Country
- Swimming Carnival
- Student art works

DIGITAL DEVICES 2021

Monbulk College is committed to providing our students with the best access to learning technologies and online learning. Based on feedback from students, staff and the wider community, the college will continue to implement a notebook (laptop) program for our students. Devices used in the program would be anticipated to have a lifespan of 3 to 4 years.

Students of other year levels are welcome to transition to a notebook computer when it is appropriate. There is no requirement for students of Year 9 in 2021 to use a notebook but they can transition to one if preferred. The college will continue its notebook program for our senior school students.

If you choose to use a device that does not meet these requirements it may not be capable of supporting the range of software and other features required. This device would possibly need to be replaced earlier than the 3 to 4 year anticipated life span. Any families using a device with a hard drive of less than 256 GB will need to support their student in regularly backing up files to an external hard drive and ensuring that only programs or apps required for school are installed.

Families wishing to purchase a new device may wish to compare prices with our partner who are able to provide education pricing which may be cheaper than retail.

<https://monbulkcol.orderportal.com.au/>

Suggested minimum requirements

Mac

Any notebook model 2018 or later

Memory – 8 GB

Hard Drive – **at least** 256GB

Appropriate dongles/connectors to access USB, ethernet and HDMI

PC

Processor – 1.6GHz (4 core)

Memory – 8 GB

Display size – 13 inch (diagonal)

Run time (battery) – 8 hours

Hard Drive – **at least** 256GB

If you have any questions regarding this, please email me.

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