

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Sunday 11th:

Eid Al - Adha

Monday 12th:

Curriculum Day (No Students)

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd:

Book Week

Monday 19th:

Book Parade (JS)

Friday 23rd:

MS Assembly

JS Assembly

Monday 26th:

E-12 Book Character Dress Up Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum,

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Mt Hira College,

We have almost reached the middle of Term Three and now concluded reflections on student performance in Semester One. This has resulted in some parent meetings concerning unsatisfactory results as well as behavioural reviews. Meetings with students and their parents have been organised to ensure that we do not see declining trends in Term Three and Term Four (Semester Two). We want ALL of our students to satisfactorily PASS all their subjects especially the CORE subjects – English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. We also want them to be on their BEST BEHAVIOUR AT ALL TIMES – we must remember the simple rule 'that every student has the right to learn and every teacher has the right to teach without interruption and disruption'.

I would like to remind parents who drop off and pick up their children from school to be EXTRA careful when driving in the front school car park (Perry Road entrance) as well as the back school car park (Greens Road entrance). The LIMIT is strictly 10 km and soon this will be clearly displayed on the College grounds. It has come to my attention that some parents are driving very fast (dangerously) especially in the back car park. I urge and request you to please be very cautious and mindful that there are children in these areas. We don't want any tragedies or incidents and we require your vigilance to avoid this. I would like to thank all the parents and guardians who do the right thing at all times. Please let me know in person of any dangerous driving you witness on our school grounds.

If you wish to see me for any matter relating to your child's/ children's education or well-being, please do not hesitate to meet with me. I am mostly accessible in the mornings (Period 1) and before the afternoon dismissal bell (Period 6). Alternatively, you can always ring the Office and arrange a suitable appointment to see me.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Eid (Eid Mubarak/Kurban Bayraminiz Mubarek Olsun). There will be NO SCHOOL for all students on Monday, August 12th, 2019. Staff will be at school for Curriculum Day.

May Allah protect our school and guide us all in His Straight Path – Amin.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Kadir Emniyet

Principal

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students and parents/guardians,

Over the last few weeks we have had many meetings with parents and students about their Semester One results. The meetings remain in progress but so far they have been very collaborative and positive.

These meetings are centred around the underlying challenges that may be underpinning performance in Semester One and furthermore, an opportunity for a joint discussion with the students their parents and their teachers to discuss solutions and student commitments whilst carrying out the remainder of the year.

In reiterating Mr. Emniyet's message, it is essential to complete the year with a strong understanding of the core subject areas - English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. Students who are not able to achieve or sustain the minimum performance requirements by the conclusion of Term Four will be greatly disadvantaged when they start the following year. These student will lack the important foundations that are needed to be built upon.

We firmly expect a minimum pass grade for every student for every subject unless warranted by exceptional circumstances.

There has never been a time where knowledge is more accessible than the present day. The only thing that will hold back students is themselves. We ask that students stay focussed, keep up their motivation and come to school with an attitude to persevere. Teachers are there to guide you and help you achieve well and truly beyond a pass grade average.

Take care and I wish you the very best in Semester Two.

Mr. Sefik Sahingoz
Vice-Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Junior School,

We have had a great start to Term Three. It is definitely going to be a busy term with many exciting events happening.

Our Year Three students and parents have had their camp information session for Camp Marysville which is coming up in Term Four. The Year Three students are quite excited about this event and are already preparing themselves. If you missed the information session, the PowerPoint presentation will be up on SEQTA for you and your child will receive camp consent forms and other paperwork from their Classroom Teacher.

During science week Science Week (29th July – 2nd August), students worked on and participated in many Science activities. Our College has invested in some STEM kits for Years Two – Five where students can explore their creativity and science knowledge. There are some photos below of students who have made some amazing things using the STEM kits during Literacy this term. Students will continue to use these kits throughout the term, and continue to extend their skills in this area. Please have a look at our Science displays in the Junior corridor and in front of the library.

Term Three is also the term where we celebrate Book Week. Although Book Week is scheduled for the week commencing on the 19th of August, our Book Fair will be held from the 26th of August to the 28th of August. There is a possibility that the date for our Character Dress Up Day will change, but we will inform you of these changes as soon as it has been finalised.

It was the 100th day for our Foundation students on the 1st of August. These students have settled in well and have been making wonderful progress. They participated in some great activities planned by their teachers and had a great time celebrating this happy event.

We have started working with the cast for the Junior School Concert who have been working hard learning their lines. We are attempting to do things a little differently this year with Mr. Ozan's support, which will result in a more enjoyable final product. Parents will be informed of all developments in the upcoming weeks.

Parents of 2020 Foundation students have been contacted and we have started the screening process. Just a reminder that if you have not put your name down for your child to be in our 2020 Foundation cohort, now is the time to do so as we have very limited spaces available.

Regards,

Ms. Hulya Ucler

Head of Junior School



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Assalamu Alaykum Parents and Students,

Hoping every student has had a wonderful break and ready to get into another term of learning. It has been a delight to welcome some new students into the Year Six, Year Seven and Year Nine Middle School cohorts this Term. It is such an exciting time for the students. A new school and making new friends is just the start of the many challenges that students face.

During Week Two, the Year Seven and Year Eight students participated in the AFL - Bachar Houli Cup event. The Year Nine Debating team continued to work very hard and impressively as a team. Week Three saw the Year Seven and Year Nine students competing against other schools in their finals for Tennis, Softball, Indoor Soccer, Table Tennis and Basketball. We also celebrated Science Week and students were involved in many exciting and varied experiments.

Our Religious Education Department and the Year Six students did an excellent job delivering the Hajj simulation experience. Year Nine students had an eventful day at FareShare – Schools in the Kitchen annual program where they learnt about Rescuing Food and preparing food for the needy. These students also had the privilege in meeting the Honourable Daniel Andrews - Premier of Victoria. Many meetings have been conducted in the past four weeks with parents and students about Academic Results in Semester One. The communication and discussions have been vital where both parties have looked at ways at improving teaching and learning within the classroom, at home and all students are encouraged to take advantage of extra assistance offered to improve their learning through our extra-curricular programs.

Hoping everyone has a blessed Eidul Adha.

Ms. Ayse Erenli
Head of Middle School



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Assalamu Alaykum.

Term Three is often the busiest time of the year for Senior School students and this year is no exception. Although we are only a third of the way into the term, we have certainly accomplished a lot in the past three weeks.

Our Year Twelve students are in the final stages of their Unit 4 studies and are busy preparing for their last School-Assessed Coursework (SAC) tasks. They have also been working closely with the Careers Coordinator to finalise their career pathway and further education plans. In order to provide a break from the stresses of their studies, we organised a special motivational speech for our Year Twelve students which was enjoyed by everyone. Several activities and events to support our Year Twelve students have been planned for the remainder of this term.

After a challenging first semester in Senior School, the Year Ten students have had an opportunity to reflect upon their academic performance and identify areas of improvement for Semester Two. A number of academic progress meetings were organised with parents and students in order to discuss post-Year Ten pathways and career interests.

It was great to see all the Year Nine and Year Ten parents and students who attended the VCE 2020 Information Evening and Subject Exposition on Tuesday the 6th of August. The event consisted of a number of presentations regarding the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and subject selection. Following these presentations, parents and students explored 19 VCE subjects being promoted at the engaging subject displays set up by our dedicated Senior School staff. If you were unable to attend this event, you can access the presentation notes on SEQTA Documents. Please note that Year Ten students are required to submit their Round One VCE subject preferences via the online portal by **12:00 a.m. on Monday the 19th of August**. A printed and signed copy of the submission receipt is due to the Senior School Office by **9:00 a.m. on Monday the 19th of August**.

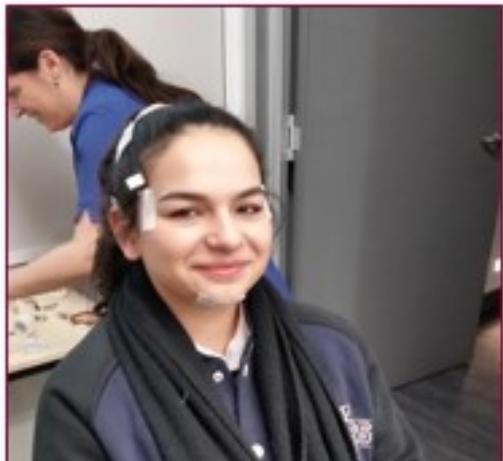
I wish you all a blessed and joyous Eid-ul-Adha!

Ms. Nazreen Amirudin
Head of Senior School

Senior School Activities and Events



VCE
Psychology
Excursion:
Sleep
Centre
Laboratory
at Monash
Hospital



VCE Legal
Studies
Excursion:
The Law
Library at
the
Supreme
Court of
Victoria



VCE Unit 4 Chemistry
Practical Investigation:
Chromatography



VCE Unit 2 Chemistry
Practical Investigation:
Precipitation



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The College has a range of extra-curricular programs, support classes and initiatives on offer. These programs run daily, in a variety of formats and are on offer before, during and even after-school. All of the extra-curricular programs have been established to enable students to explore their potential and achieve their best results in core areas. If you or child is interested in attending any one of the below activities or programs, please speak with child's form teacher or simply encourage your child to attend.

Extra Curricular List

	Before School	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation Mathematics Classes: Year Five (LIB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CODEC Club (ICT2) • Y7-10 Girls Basketball (GYM) • Table Tennis (Stage) • VCE Math Support Class (SC2) • VCE Religion and Society Support Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE English Support Class (SC3)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation Mathematics Classes Year: Six (LIB) • Qur'an Lessons (ICT1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Nine and Ten Mathematics Support Class (SC1) • Science Demonstrations (MS1) • Y7 Boys Basketball (GYM) • Junior Athletics Training (Synthetic Courts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Studio Art Support Class (ART2) • Year Ten and VCE Math Support Class (SC2) • Saz Lessons (JC12)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation Mathematics Classes: Year Five and Seven (LIB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE English Support Class (SC1) • VCE Math Support Class (SC2) • Art Club (ART2) • Y7-10 Girls Futsal (GYM) • Table Tennis (Stage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Computing Support Class (ICT2)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation Mathematics Classes: Year Eight and Nine (LIB) • Qur'an Lessons (ICT1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE English Support Class (SC1) • Table Tennis (Stage) • Junior Inter House Sports Competition (Synthetic Courts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCE Psych Help (SC3) – fortnightly even weeks • VCE Math Support Class (SC2) • Saz Lessons (JC12)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation Mathematics Classes: Year Five and Ten (LIB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CODEC Club (ICT2) • Small Hobbies Club (Stage) • Middle/Senior Inter House Sports Competition 	

OUR FAITH

On Thursday the 8th of August, 2019, the Junior School and Year Six cohort celebrated the annual Hajj pilgrimage by simulating the Hajj experience in the College Gymansium. A very big thanks to all staff and students who contributed and were dedicated to making the Hajj simulation as fun, exciting and as authentic as possible. There were many highlights and we also thank all parents/guardians who were present to observe and to celebrate and support this very special event in both the Mt Hira College and Islamic Calendar. As we approach Eid Al-adha (Kurban Bayrami), we wish each of our students and their loved ones, a very blessed and wonderful Eid.



CAREERS NEWS

Year Ten Work Experience Preparation

To prepare for Work Experience in the last week of term three, all Year Ten students have been busy studying for their safe@work tests. These tests consist of a General test covering a broad range of occupational health and safety issues and an Industry test that focuses on the particular industry that the student will undertake Work Experience. They concluded their Work Experience preparation by taking a Workplace Safety Introduction quiz. Students are awarded a certificate for passing these tests and the quiz. They can proudly add these certificates to their resume.

Open Days

Most tertiary institutions will hold their Open Days in August this year. Some will hold them in late July and others after August. All senior school students should attend as many Open Days as they can to explore course options and make informed course selections. They are advised to create a list of questions to ask and ask for business cards of relevant staff to facilitate contact. This link on VTAC website will provide all Open Day dates:
<http://vtac.edu.au/opendays.html>

Apprenticeships

The Apprenticeship Support Australia website is full of useful information on apprenticeships. There are sections for Apprentices as well as Parents. Check out this website at:
<http://www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au>

Careers Quote

“Nothing is written in stone as a career is an unpredictable journey” – Zlatan Ibrahimovic, world-famous soccer player

Careers Coordinator

WELLBEING MATTERS

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about support provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the College.

Kind regards

Ms. Sue Apak

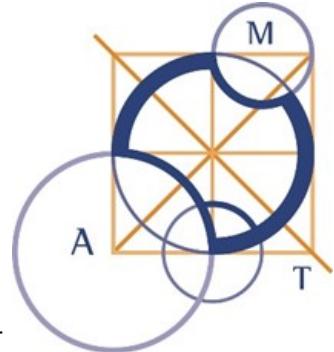
Head of Wellbeing

MATHEMATICS DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents/guardians,

Welcome back to Semester Two! It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the year.

Term Three will be a busy period for the Mathematics Domain. The Australian Math Competition was run last week on Thursday the 1st of August. Students in Junior School will be given house points upon completion and their level of achievement on this competition. All students who participated in this activity, will be receiving a certificate of participation regardless of their results.



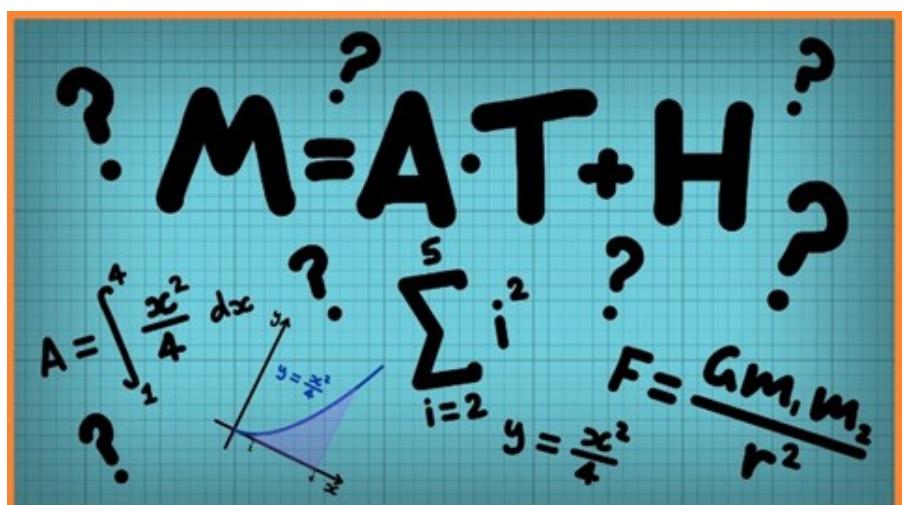
In week 8 of Term Three, Mount Hira College will celebrate Math Week from Foundation through to Year 10. Various numeracy activities and competitions will be conducted to emphasise our passion for mathematics. The famous competition of guessing the number of jelly beans in a jar will also return!

Our Mathematics support sessions are continuing this semester. Mr. Fan Wang runs morning classes for selected students. VCE Mathematics classes are held at lunch times Monday to Thursday. I also conduct Math Club every Tuesday at lunch time. Various posters and signs are up around Middle and Senior School buildings to guide the students.

We hope that it will be a successful semester for all students.

Ms. Fulya Evcimen

Mathematics Domain Leader



ENGLISH DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Semester Two!

It's only the second week of school and already our Year Nine Debating team are already back in action. Ms. Halimoff has done a fantastic job of guiding and preparing our debaters for each round of debating in the Debaters Association Victoria debating competition. Year Nine students, Leyla Mamudov, Meryem Mamudov and Meliha Zunic represented our school and completed against Haileybury Girls. It was a tight contest and unfortunately we lost by a narrow margin – however, all students involved put in a fantastic effort and we were really proud to have them representing our college.

This year, our Year Six and Year Seven students have participated in a 'reading rewards' program – in which students are rewarded for reading. The following students read the most books in their English classes during Semester One and were presented with certificates to acknowledge their incredible reading skills: Tijen Ozer (6M), Talia Akdogan (6T), Hiba Abdu Salam (7M), Muhtasim Khalil (7T) and Amna Hassan (7H). Congratulations to all of these avid readers!



During Term Three, our Year Ten English students study novels that are set during the Holocaust, so to support their understanding of this period of history, they attended an excursion at the Jewish Holocaust Museum. Students listened to a presentation, participated in a guided tour of the museum and had the chance to listen to a survival story told by a Holocaust survivor.



Ms. Megan Barling
English Domain Leader

LOTE DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

Welcome to a new semester.

You have received Semester One reports with full feedback on your children's marks and academic progress in all subjects including LOTE. If you have any questions or recommendations, please let the LOTE team know so that we can organise a meeting with you as soon as possible. As you know, learning a second or third language is beneficial to students in their developmental stages and can enhance their career later in life. Our focus in the LOTE Department is to motivate students to develop an appreciation for the second language and encourage them to progress in the learning of that language, be it Arabic or Turkish, at a pace they can handle and appreciate within their level.

The use of technology and a variety of electronic resources this year, has helped with students' motivation. Our students are able to type in Arabic through educational games and use translation online. These are early steps toward gaining independence in learning a new language. Your role as parents/guardians is to support the College in its quest to have more students doing VCE Turkish and Arabic in the future. By taking interest in what your children learn in The LOTE subjects -even if you do not speak those languages- your children will make learning these languages a priority.

I hope you have taken advantage of the Arabic software the College provided to each student to use, either inside or outside school. If you have not, please let your children show you. I also hope that you are either helping or supporting your children to use electronic resources to learn both Turkish and Arabic. The LOTE department does not have the traditional approach to homework. The online portals we use have very stimulating activities that we encourage our students to use outside of class. When they come to class, we consolidate that knowledge and practice more reading, writing, speaking and listening. We also introduce new vocabulary in each lesson. At the end of Term Two, students learning Arabic and Turkish contributed to the Science Week by designing posters in Arabic and Turkish and displaying them in the corridor. At the beginning of this term, they also contributed to the science week, by designing posters in Arabic and Turkish about space.

I hope to see you in the parent/teacher interviews at the end of this term to discuss the academic progress of your children.

Kind Regards

Dr. Samir Dorhmi
LOTE Domain Leader

ART DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is a busy time for our **VCE Studio Arts** students as they are well underway at resolving their Unit 2 and 4 portfolios respectively. Lots of interesting work is underway as we build towards our **VCE Art Exhibition** in early Term Four.

Year Twelve Students have been learning about the Australian Arts Industry and its associated careers this term. This included a visit to the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art or ACCA (pictured), and West End Art Space, a commercial gallery in the city.



Semester art courses are now underway in the Junior/Middle School, with year groups working through the following programs:

Year 8 Art students are working on a painting/collage unit, exploring concepts of individual identity in the process. Students research artists that combine image and text as a component of this course.

Year 7 Art students are working on a wood/linocut printmaking unit, exploring concepts of cultural identity in the process. Students explore the roots of linocut in the German Expressionist art movement.

Year 6 Art students are exploring anthropomorphic pottery. Students have researched and designed a vessel with their own unique design and are now underway at making this in clay. Historical examples of this tradition will be analysed from different cultures and students are busy familiarising themselves with various processes related to this medium.



As a follow up to our last newsletter, the Semester One, 2019 Art Wall is now up! Congratulations to all of our high achieving art students from Semester One, 2019. You have done such a great job.



Junior School Art programs continue this semester under the dedicated leadership of Ms Katie Curtis.

Year Five Art – Have been looking at Indigenous art and the importance that it plays in Aboriginal culture. The Year Five students looked at the work of print artist, David Bosun and created a print of their own inspired by his marine life artworks.

Year Three and Four Art – Have been focused on textiles. The Year Three students used cold wax and dye to create a batik of a fish. They will now turn these into small cushions, using a running stitch around the outside. The Year Four students are creating soft sculptures (dolls) inspired by the artist Mirka Mora. On calico the students, drew and then painted their hybrid creation. Students will now learn to sew to turn their illustration into the soft sculpture.



Year One and Two Art – Have students have been learning about different techniques we use when sculpting with clay. The students learned how to make a slab and add texture to it using a variety of materials. We also spoke about how to correctly join features such as eyes, etc .The Year One students made fish and the Year Two students, birds.

Foundation – We have been exploring the work of author and illustrator Eric Carle. The students created painted paper using different textural tools and used the paper to make butterflies inspired by his book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



A reminder that **Art Club** continues this term for Middle School Students to extend their skills in the arts, every Tuesday afterschool and Wednesday lunchtime. These time brackets also represent an opportunity for **VCE students** to seek additional support or purely use the art room and its materials for their portfolio development.

Thank you.

Mr. Michael Hawkins
Art Domain Leader



MTHiRA COLLEGE
LIFE LONG LEARNING

JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY

FOUNDATION & YEAR ONE

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

MT HIRA COLLEGE

9AM - 2.30PM





FOOTY DAY

Tuesday 10th September
GOLD COIN DONATION

*Wear your favourite
team colors*

Footy Parade
Games & Activities
Sausage Sizzle
St Kilda FC Activities

Parents welcome



E-Safety Awareness Parent Workshop



Thursday 22nd August
College Library
6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.



Wishes everyone...

EID
Mubarak