NEWSLETTER

29 October 2021

Learn. Care. Flourish.



Prayer

May the God of joy be with us, thrilling us with God's nearness, filling our hearts to fullness, and filling our throats with laughter and song.

May our joy bring life and joy to others.

May the blessing of joy be with us always.

May the God of love be with us.

May our lives be continual, giving and receiving of love with our God, our friends, and with all whose lives we touch.

May God's love in us light fires of faith and hope, and may the fire grow and burn deeply and enflame the earth.

May the blessing of love and friendship be with us always.

Author unknown



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Dr Darren Egberts

This weekend sees the beginnings of the month of November and, alongside the growing phenomenon of Halloween and a horse race that stops a nation, Christians around the world will stop to reflect and pray for those who have died. November 1 and 2 see the twin remembrance days of All Souls and All Saints Day.

As we approach All Souls Day, we especially remember past Sacred Heart College staff member, Rosalind Slootjes, who passed away yesterday. Ros worked at the College from 1987 – 2012 and is fondly remembered by current staff members who came to the College and were warmly welcomed into the school community by Ros. Her family connection continues with her daughter-in-law, Cecile, now a valued member of our Languages Learning Area. We hold Rosalind's husband, Con, Cecile and their extended families in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Upcoming Student Free Days

The extended Melbourne and Kyneton Cup weekend will see Sacred Heart College closed.

- Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 November Melbourne Cup holidays (No classes)
- Wednesday 3 November
 Kyneton Cup day (No classes)

Onsite VCAA examinations are unaffected by these closures.

Easing of Covid-19 Restrictions

Following announcements last weekend by the Victorian Government, restrictions on a range of school activities such as camps, excursions, visitors to the College, assemblies and liturgies will ease from next week. I am waiting on full details of these and will communicate them when available. Some key points:

- The scheduled Year 10 Camp (Grampians) and Year 9 Camp (Anglesea) will proceed next month.
- We expect school end of year activities including assemblies, liturgies, transition days to proceed.
- All visitors to the College for events, assemblies, parent meetings, etc will be required to be doublevaccinated and to have evidence to support this.

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Year 12's Final Day and VCAA Examinations

Last Tuesday, the Sacred Heart College Class of 2021 finished their thirteen years of compulsory education with distinction. Their final day was a wonderful celebration of all that is special with young people full of optimism, laughter and graciousness. Particularly moving was their Year 12 Final Mass, which was celebrated in the College Chapel by Fr Declan and live-streamed to students, staff and many parents and families. Despite the remote broadcast, it was amongst the most meaningful liturgies that many staff, including me, have been a part of.



Congratulations to all involved in its preparation and celebration but particularly to Director of Faith and Mission, Annie O'Shannessy, and Year 12 Year Level Leader, Mrs Marika Payne. The liturgy included appropriate and moving tributes to Year 12 student, Ethan McCulloch, who sadly passed away in April and we were privileged to have Ethan's parents, Cathie and Brent and his sister, Erin, in attendance.

Sacred Heart College Tours and Enrolments

With the easing of restrictions from next week, the College will be able to offer onsite College tours to prospective and interested families. There is no doubt that being able to tour our College grounds, speak to students and staff and observe our classrooms in action provides a much more authentic experience. I encourage any interested students, parents and families to visit the College website (www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au) book a time and date before the end of the year.

A limited number of enrolment places are available in Years 7 – 12 for 2022, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Denise Lawrence (<u>dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au</u>) on 54211200 for details.

Yours in Mercy,

Dr Darren Egberts **Principal**

Year 12 Graduation Mass













Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2021

All Students Graduation Photos are available by following the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QNqRzQuzBCmmRd9FyAqsq7OLixjeVs8D?usp=sharing

















Year 12 Celebration Day

























Bereavements - Your prayers are asked for the Slootjes family who are mourning the passing of Rosalind Slootjes, who was a long standing staff member of Sacred Heart College. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Con, daughter-in-law, Cecile, current staff member, and their extended families.

CALENDAR DATES

28/10- 8/11 - VCE Art Exhibition
The Old Auction House, Kyneton

Mon 01/11 - Student Free Day

Tue 02/11 - Student Free Day - Melbourne Cup

Wed 03/11 - Student Free Day - Kyneton Cup

Fri 05/11 - Music Scholarship Auditions for Current SHC students

- Live Video Conference with

Shodon High School, Japan
- VCE Art Exhibition Ticketed Event

5.00pm to 6.30pm
- Last day for VCAL Students

Mon 8/11 to Fri 12/11

- Year 10 Camp

Wed 10/11 - Year 11 Exams Commence (conclude 18 /11)

Thur 11/11 - Remembrance Day

Junior Showcase Evening

Fri 12/11 - Final Day to accept offers for

Year 7 2023

Thur 18/11 - Year 11 VCAL/VCE Awards

Debutante Ball Practice 4.00pm

Fri 19/11 - Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Pfizer Clinic at SHC 10.30am

Mon 22/11 - Year 10 Exams Commence

(conclude 26/11)

Mon 22/11 to Fri 26/11

- Year 9 Camp

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT WELLBEING - Julie Mortimer

Sacred Heart College is committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children. Further information about Child Safety at SHCK can be found on the College website.

https://www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au/our-college/child-safe/

Once again it is the time of year that we select our Student Cabinet members. Our College Leadership structure consists of both Junior and Senior members, with our Senior Cabinet process finalising this Thursday. All interviews have taken place, so the last piece of the selection puzzle will take place during Assembly period - the College Captain speeches and voting. We wish all candidates the best of luck!

The Junior Cabinet selection process is also underway and we have received a huge number of applicants for all positions. This is wonderful to see, and we are hoping to channel this enthusiasm into committees around each Cabinet area. The development of the Junior Leadership structure has proven to be a great way to develop interest and opportunities in both leadership and involvement through the year levels, and with 2022 looking far more 'normal' than the previous two years, I am sure we will be absolutely amazed at the wonderful things they will achieve.

Next year there are three Leadership Training Days planned, one each for Terms One, Two and Three. These are designed to provide the opportunity for any student to participate in some Leadership skill training. This will allow students who may not have held any leadership position, or been involved in any group, to be able to develop some of the essential skills. Begun two years ago, these days have been in hiatus, and I look forward to seeing them develop as we move forward.

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S - LEARNING AND TEACHING - Rachel Tanner

Year 9 and Year 12 Laptop Information

On 20 October, parents/carers were sent an information letter regarding the Laptop program. I have included the links below:

YEAR 9 LAPTOP PROGRAM

YEAR 12 LAPTOP PROGRAM



Year 12 Spirit of Sacred Heart Awards – Term 3 & 4

Rationale:

To identify, and celebrate the students who make a valuable contribution to our rich Sacred Heart College community. They undertake daily classes and activities with enthusiasm, commitment and a sense of spirit.

The Spirit of Sacred Heart Awards (SOSH Awards) are designed to acknowledge these students and to celebrate the Mercy Values that are acted out on a regular basis in our College

What is the award for?

Recognition of students who demonstrate Mercy Values through behaviour towards students, teachers and the extended community.

Year 12 (Term 3) Matthew Hanna

Mercy Value/s Respect, Courage, Compassion, Service

How this value was demonstrated - Matt took part in the Black Dog Institute's Mullets for Mental Health fundraising campaign in September and raised almost \$1000 for mental health research. This was his own idea, motivated by his desire to do something positive that could benefit others.

Year 12 (Term 4) Aleshia Vella

Mercy Value/s Respect, Courage, Compassion, Service

How this value was demonstrated - Mercy values demonstrated: Respect, Courage, Compassion, Service Aleshia is always smiling and comes to school with a positive attitude. She pushes herself out of her comfort zone to take advantage of new opportunities and to do things to support others. She goes about her business quietly and compassionately, looking out for others and ready to help out a staff member or peer. Aleshia always puts the needs of others ahead of her own.



Year 12 Awards

| Citizenship Award – Year 12 | Jessica Wheeler |
|--|-----------------|
| The Ethan McCulloch Courage and Resilience Award | Noah Trist |
| Genevieve Chalkley Mercy@Work Award Year 12 | Anna Donnelly |
| ADF Long Tan Award – Year 12 | Sydney Beattie |
| ADF Future Innovators Award – Year 12 | Hunter White |
| Applied Learning Outstanding Effort Award | Zachery Regan |

VCAA Examinations

Our Senior School community wishes all students undertaking a VCAA examination the very best of luck! We know you have all put in loads of time and effort into your studies throughout the year. You have been outstanding in your preparation throughout SWOTVAC. It's now your time to shine and show the examiners what we already know...you are all AMAZING!

Semester Two Examinations: Year 10 and 11

Information about the Semester Two examination has been sent via Operoo. Please take the time to read and respond accordingly. These examinations are an opportunity for students to develop strategies to prepare for this type of assessment. Students should create a revision timetable to allocate equal amounts of time to each subject. Teachers will provide students with revision material that will guide them in their preparation for exams.



Below is information/tips to support your student prepare for the Semester Two exams Top tips for tests and exams: https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/articles/top-tips-for-tests-and-exams

Learning to manage stress with mindfulness:

https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/articles/learning-to-manage-stress-with-mindfulness

Headspace | Mini Meditation | Let Go of Stress https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1Ndym-lsQg

Step Up Program

All students moving through the Senior school will be involved in a Step Up program for their pathway. This program provides students with an insight into the course they will study next year. Teachers will make a start on the course and set holiday homework that must be completed for the first week of school, as stated by the subject teacher. An Operoo containing more information about the Step Up program will be sent very soon.

2022 Student Subject selections

All Senior School students received their subject selections for 2022 this week. If they would like to discuss any changes (individual subjects or pathways), they need to make an appointment to see Mr Matthews. Appointments can be made via the sign-up sheet posted outside O208.

Debutante Ball - Year 11 (2021)

As we slowly return to a 'normal' world, we look forward to the Deb Ball for Year 11 (2021) next year on Friday 11 February. Students have been provided the new timeline for dance rehearsals and preparation for the evening.

Year 11 (2022)

Information about the Deb Ball for next year's Year 11 (2022) will be emailed to Year 10 (2021) students this week. It is important for students, parents/guardians to take the time to read this information about the event. The application and parental permission form is to be completed and returned by Friday 3 December.

Debutante Ball 2023 Review

The Debutante Ball at Sacred Heart has been a long-standing tradition within the College calendar. It is a special event that brings the College community together, with families sharing a meal, students displaying their newly-learned ballroom dancing skills, then celebrating into the evening with family and friends. While the traditions associated with the Debutante Ball are important, practices should reflect the current context of a contemporary, inclusive society.

With this in mind, the College is proposing the 2023 Debutant Ball will go through a review, with the focus on respecting traditions, whilst being relevant and inclusive in today's society.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION - Annie O'Shannessy

Seeds of Justice Conference

A small group of enthusiastic students from Year 8 and 9 gathered on Thursday 28 October to join the Seeds of Justice Conference. The theme was 'Opening the Doors of Mercy' to people seeking asylum and refugees in Australia.

Many Mercy schools across Victoria joined the Zoom conference and we were made aware of the complex issue of the human tragedy of people seeking asylum and refugee status in Australia.

The group was particularly inspired by a young woman, Asma. She spoke of her dream that all refugees and asylum seekers can access education. She said that refugees are "just human beings looking for a better life, a life for their future".

It was truly an inspiring conference. Thank you to the students who attended and Mrs Egberts.





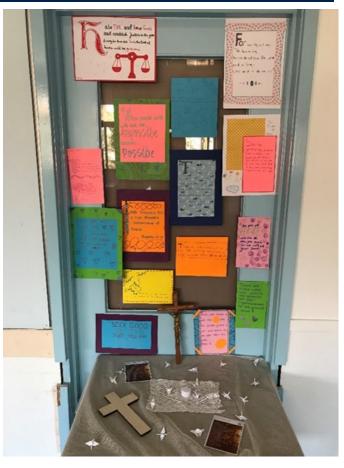
JUNIOR R.E. NEWS - Victoria Mackay, Junior R E Learning Area Leader

Standing Up and Speaking Out Year 9 Religious Education

This term, Year 9 Religious Education students have been studying people who stand up and speak out for their beliefs and for the greater good. Part of this study has focused on Biblical prophets, modern day prophets, issues which each student is concerned about and their opinion on these issues.

One of the classwork activities for this unit has been reading the scripture of the Biblical Prophets and identifying themes of justice, vulnerability and righteousness amongst their scripture, and then creating an illuminated manuscript of these scriptures.

Here are the beautiful illuminated manuscripts by 9C students.



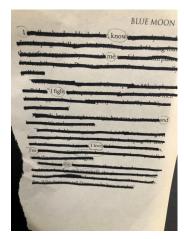


Black Out Poetry

Some Year 7 reading classes have been trying their hand at 'black out poetry' this cycle. They have learned about the library's process of discarding old books that are no longer suitable for the collection and have created haunting poems and short stories from them. You can come and read them in the library on our display!

Black out poetry is a fabulous exercise in creativity if you haven't tried it. It's inventive, sustainable and fun!

- 1. Take an old book (one you no longer need or one that's on its last legs!)
- 2. Rip out a page (yes, really!)
- 3. Scan the page for interesting words
- 4. Circle these with a greylead
- 5. Read them again and maybe get rid of a few (or add some in)
- 6. Black out all of the other words so only your chosen ones remain.
- Look at that!



Overdues

We currently have 432 library resources overdue! This is one for every two people in the school! Yikes! Please have a hunt around at home so these can be returned by the end of the school year. Similarly, if you need the resources for longer, then just reply to the email that you are getting daily and let us know that you still need it. Simple! (and if you are worried about a fine, you needn't be - we just want the books back!).

OVERDUES

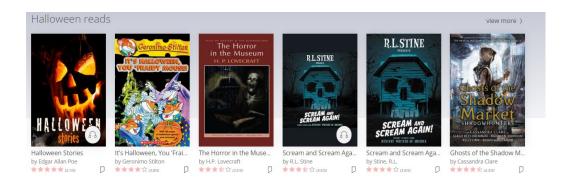
What do I do? What do I do? This library book is 42 years overdue. Ladmit that it's mine But I can't pay the fine -Should I turn it in Or hide it again? What do I do? What do I do?



Happy Halloween

Halloween is increasingly being celebrated in Australia so we decided to jump on the bandwagon and offer lots of fun and creepy activities during Friday's lunchtime (photos to come in the next newsletter). Students could try some black out poetry, create spooky cards, make a raven's feather or a nightmarish pumpkin! And of course, our Horror and Paranormal section too!

You can check out our Halloween selection on our digital collection too. Remember to log in with your school username and password.



Pfizer Vaccination Clinic



Campaspe Family Practice will be delivering a Pfizer vaccination clinic, at Sacred Heart College on

Friday 29 October 2021 - first dose and

Friday 19 November 2021 - second dose

The clinic will occur in the Applied Learning Hub portables from 10:30 am, those students receiving their Pfizer vaccination are to be in full PE uniform, are encouraged to eat a healthy breakfast, and are to bring their water bottles along with them to the vaccination session.

Allergies, COVID-19 and VCE

Hayfever season is upon us! There are some similarities between hayfever symptoms and those of COVID-19. Students who have a known history of hayfever are advised to consider how their hayfever can be proactively managed during the VCE assessment period.

As symptoms can be similar it can be difficult to tell the difference between them. It is important that students or parents/carers/guardians do not assume these symptoms are due to hayfever or asthma. If the student has symptoms in any way different to their usual symptoms of asthma or hayfever, they should get tested for COVID-19 and stay home until they receive a negative result.

The best way to prevent symptoms of hayfever or asthma is to have an up-to-date hayfever or asthma treatment plan and follow it. If students don't yet have a plan, now is the time to check in with your GP.

Parents/carers and staff should also consider getting a medical certificate from their treating GP to confirm that it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID-19, such as cough or runny nose.

Students may want to seek medical advice about having medication on hand to take pre-emptively on exam days if hayfever symptoms are likely.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS - Jodie Wattie

During Term 3 we enjoyed 'Wellbeing Day' which included the opportunity for students to wear casual clothes for a gold coin donation. We managed to raise \$1000 through this event, with funds to be donated to Kyneton Caring Community Inc. supporting local families in need. Thanks to the easing of restrictions our Junior Wellbeing Leader, Meg, was recently able to hand over the cheque to Kerryn, from Kyneton Caring Community. We know they will put this donation to good use, and thank all in our community for their support.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM - Jody Takos

French Sport Games

Students in Year 7 French were practising their newly acquired knowledge of French sporting activities and verbs by designing a gameboard and then playing the their own gameboard, as well as those designed by others. A lot of creativity went into this activity and students reflected that it made them think a great deal about what they had learned.









Practice for Mock Interviews

Students in Industry and Enterprise were hard at work getting ready for their Mock interviews which all happened this week. It was an invaluable experience and students reflected that it was not as frightening as they thought it would be! Having ample of practice made them feel at ease.





MUSIC NOTES - Terry Carrick

Our students have been incredibly busy in our Music classes. Our Unit 4 VCE class have all recently completed their first of two exams, where their 20 minute performance makes up 50% of their entire study score for the subject. Needless to say, these students are performing at a very high level, and have been working on the same set of pieces for the last twelve months. They only have a written examination left, and then we bid a very fond farewell to these excellent and highly-engaged young musicians.

Our Year 7 and 8 Music classes have been working on an assignment where they design, construct and present their own musical instrument. Many of these students have gone to extraordinary lengths and taken huge creative leaps to create some astounding instruments! Congratulations to all of these students!

Thankyou to all students who have applied for our 2022 SHC Music Scholarships. The applications have now closed, and

the applicants will be contacted over the next few days. Current students will sit their auditions next Friday, 5 November during the school day. Students starting at Sacred Heart in 2022 will sit their auditions after school on Wednesday 10 November. Please keep an eye on your inbox for audition information.

Students are encouraged to enrol in the Instrumental Music program in order to discover a new musical experience of learning an instrument. For those students with some musical experience under their belt, it's a great opportunity to build on their current skills and improve their musicianship with one of our specialist Instrumental Music staff!

In order to enrol in the Instrumental Music program at SHC in 2022, parents should visit this website - www.tinyurl.com/shcmusic2022. Places are limited, so parents are encouraged to get in early.





PARENT SERVICE SCHEME UPDATE - Jenny Baldwin

2020 Arrangements

As parents and families would be aware, normal College Service Scheme operations for 2020 were suspended part way through 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. College Service Scheme involves families being charged a voluntary contribution amount of \$200 at the start of each year, with the option on electing to provide up to 10 hours voluntary work to have this contribution reimbursed (on a pro rata basis) at the end of the school year.

- families who paid the 2020 contribution were not charged this contribution in 2021
- families who had indicated their interest in, or who had completed any hours in 2020, had their deadline to complete the 10 hours extended to the end of the 2021 school year.

2021 Arrangements

- new families who commenced with the College Term 1 2021 will have been charged the voluntary contribution.
- Though the program has continued with various on and off-site opportunities in 2021, there have been some
 cancellations due to changing COVID-19 restrictions. Parents who committed to events which were later cancelled
 beyond the College's control have had their committed hours counted as volunteer contributions.

2022 Arrangements

Given uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and existing regulations surrounding volunteer work in 2022, Sacred Heart College Kyneton will regretfully be suspending the College Service Scheme Volunteer Program for 2022, with a hope that we can return to past practice with sufficient opportunities for parent volunteer work at the College recommencing in 2023.

Financial Arrangements

If you are a new family in 2021 who has registered for the College Service Scheme but were unable to participate in 2021, and are financially reliant upon the volunteer credit in order to meet your tuition fee obligations, please advise the College via email to Melinda Plumb accountsreceivable@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au, to be considered for a confidential fee concession by the College Principal.

Should you have any other queries regarding College Service Scheme please don't hesitate to contact Service Scheme Co-ordinator, Jenny Baldwin ibaldwin@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

VCE COORDINATOR - Peita Rocard

Consideration of Educational Disadvantage

Information for Parents/Guardians/Carers

The VCAA recognises that some students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3–4 studies have experienced particularly difficult circumstances this year as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes health and wellbeing challenges, financial stress, extra home responsibilities and family stresses.

To ensure fairness for all students, Consideration of Educational Disadvantage (CED) will be considered for all students. In support of this process, all students can submit a Student Statement. The Student Statement is a simple tick box exercise which will inform the process of CED. No supporting evidence is required. However, the school can ask for clarification if needed.

As part of the process, it is important to understand that number of boxes ticked does not equate to a change in study score. This information will complement what the school already knows about students, for example previous assessment scores. The school will use documented evidence about the student's achievement when undertaking the CED process, with the normal VCAA processes ensuring fairness within and between schools.

The student statement will remain with the school. It is not provided to the VCAA.

The VCAA will consider the information submitted, and other external assessments including the student's General Achievement Test results, so that each student's final VCE and VCE VET results are fair and reliable.

As in previous years, students can apply for a Derived Examination Score (DES) if they are prevented from sitting one or more VCE examinations, or if they are significantly affected during an examination, for example because of illness. In addition, students applying for tertiary places in 2021 should submit a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application to the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), if they have been severely impacted by factors including COVID.

The VCAA is a statutory authority established under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. All personal information collected by the VCAA is handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic) and, where applicable, the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic).

Please continue to encourage your child to stay focused and work hard towards their VCE examinations.

If you have questions about this process, please contact your school for assistance.



YEAR 12 TRANSITIONAL INFORMATION

Year 12 students applying for Tertiary Places

A reminder regarding support on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 December

Careers are offering results support and change of preference advice on **Thursday 16 and Friday 17 December.** If students require support regarding their results and preferences, please call or visit the Careers Centre between **9:00am and 4:00pm**. Kristina, Karina and Karen C will be able to offer guidance and advice.

Karina - 54211261

Kristina and Karen - 54211262

VTAC helpline - 99261020

(To register and access your results go to www.pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)

Offers for VTAC:

Please remember students should **accept their first round offer even if they are deferring**. Please check that they have completed **all requirements** for the course they wish to study. You can check this on the VTAC website under course requirements. Good luck and we wish all students well in your continuing career journeys, we are sure you will all go onto amazing opportunities.

Click on these useful guides for more information:

BEYOND SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE

TRANSITIONING BEYOND SCHOOL AND ONTO UNIVERSITY

Hansen Scholarship Program at Melbourne University

Any students considering Melbourne University for 2023, and fit into the category below, please continue to read through the information provided. <u>Hansen Scholarship Program https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen</u>.

Hansen Scholarship Program is designed for high-achieving students who may otherwise struggle financially to access higher education and provides a full package of benefits.

There may be students in school who are aiming for the University of Melbourne but face the challenge of funding their accommodation. The Hansen Scholarship provides free accommodation in Little Hall for 48 weeks each year of their three-year undergraduate degree. This is certainly an incentive for them to apply and give it a go. To be eligible for the 2023 Hansen Scholarship students must be:

- 1. Currently in Year 11 (apply in Year 12)
- 2. Australian citizen or permanent resident
- 3. Completing an Australian Year 12 certificate or IB
- 4. Be on track to achieve a 90+ ATAR
- 5. Can demonstrate financial hardship

Don't hesitate to contact Careers for any Hansen questions.





Spirited

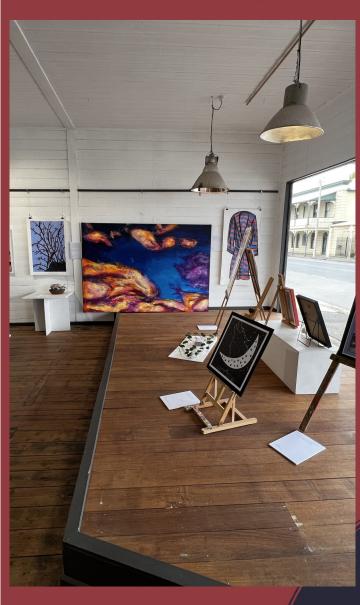
The VCE Art, Media, Textiles and Design exhibition is taking place at the Old Auction House in Kyneton 28 October – 8 November.

'Spirited' needed to be the name of this exhibition. All creative work is a reflection on the spirit in different ways, and these young people are also particularly spirited, bold and courageous. They have also reflected on their spirit in softer and more individual ways, their work is always authentic, often humorous and generous in nature. Despite the challenges of 2020 and 2021, their spirit has never dulled.

Opening hours, address and Covid-19 guidelines for those attending the exhibition can be found on The Old Auction House website - www.theoldauctionhouse.com.au



THE ARTISPOT









COMMUNITY NEWS

We are excited to announce that MRSC Youth Services are hosting a Youth Cinema in Gisborne at Dixon Field on 19 November at 6pm!

There will be food trucks, live music, games and of course, a movie. The film Shrek will be screened on a 4mt screen.

