



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Special Events

What a huge week it was for our HPE, grounds, canteen and ESS teams last week. The SAPSASA athletics carnival had nearly 500 athletes and over 200 staff and parents visit our school to compete on our perfectly presented grounds. Students involved in the athletics program were a huge help on the day, Kerran and Claudia were busy with organisational management and the home economics and canteen teams provided food for the crowd. The day was a brilliant showcase of what our school has to offer.

The Entrepreneurial, CLC and Flinders University teams combined to host seven members of the Entrepreneurial Advisory Board and over 30 local entrepreneurs to explore the strong link between education, mind-sets and learning opportunities in school and the wide world of work, business and innovation. The CLC hosted a large number of Mount Gambier High School students and staff throughout the day, who presented their learning journeys and aspirations for how we could shape the curriculum, as well as how we can provide pathways for students to have access to opportunities to put their entrepreneurial mindsets into action. Our visitors were appreciative, informed and highly impressed with the work happening at our school. The state's Chief Entrepreneur, Jim Whalley confirmed that he will accept the role as mentor for Mount Gambier High School entrepreneurial work into the future.

### Capital Works Program (CWP)

You might have noticed the construction fences going up around the school and we're excited to share that works are now underway to deliver major infrastructure upgrades to our school.

The \$6 million upgrade will provide students with world-class learning facilities, including refurbishment of 6 science labs and construction of 2 new buildings to house learning spaces.

We expect the upgrades will be completed in term 4 2021.

This is an exciting time for both our school and the wider community and we will continue to provide updates as construction progresses.

For more information about the upgrades, visit the [Department for Education website](#).

### Year 12 Exams

The Year 12 Exams, along with the expected stressors for students and some teachers, have progressed well. It is amazing to see the level of support our year 12 teachers provide to help get every student across the line, with a number still contacting students and parents and making themselves available after school hours to provide extra support. We trust that with the level of organisation and awareness of the wider school community, we will continue to see these exams run smoothly over the next few weeks and look forward to the results being released

## Upcoming Events

### Small School Transition Day

Tuesday 17 November

### Last day for Year 11s

Wednesday 18 November

### Year 11 Exams

Thursday 19 to Wednesday  
25 November

### Year 12 Formal

Saturday 21 November

### Pupil Free Day

Friday 27 November

### Governing Council Meeting

Monday 30 November

### Year 7 Parent Info Night

Monday 30 November

### Presentation and Performance Celebration

Tuesday 1 December

### SRC End of Year Celebration

Wednesday 2 December

### Reports Out

Thursday 3 December

### Year 7 Orientation Days

Wednesday 2 to Thursday 3  
December

### Last day for Year 10s

Friday 4 December

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

early December. Year 12 exams finish this Thursday and Year 11 exams will begin next week.

### White Ribbon Day 20 November

White Ribbon Day is on 20 November 2020. This year's theme is 'Community by Community, Workplace by Workplace'. Our school will hold a White Ribbon Day event to raise awareness of community violence against women and promote respectful relationships to achieve change.

### Entrepreneurial School Conference

Josh Praolini and Jess Magarey have been working with the four other entrepreneurial schools this term to develop and prepare for a state-wide Entrepreneurial Conference on Monday 23 November. The conference will host up to 200 leaders and teachers from secondary schools across the state to learn a little about the benefits to student learning and engagement that can be achieved through a change in teacher mindsets and classroom practice. This is both a professional acknowledgement of them and our school, as leaders in educational change. It is also a great opportunity to showcase our school as a place that values innovation, collaboration and curiosity.

### Staff News

Congratulations to Darrell Payne for accepting a new role in Adelaide, starting at the beginning of next year. This is a great reflection of Darrell's work in leadership and curriculum support and we wish him every success.

### PE Week

This week we involved ourselves in the annual celebration of all things active for HPE Week 2020. We know the importance of being fit, healthy and active and with some great activities being held throughout the week. A huge thank you to our PE faculty, supporting staff and students for getting the week organised; weeks like this help build a positive culture for our school community.

### 2021 Subjects

Planning and organising is well underway to ensure students are placed into subjects for next year. Mount Gambier High School is unique in the region in that it is primarily student choices in the senior years that establish the subjects we offer (excluding mandatory subjects). Of course this means that from year to year some subjects overflow with numbers and others struggle to remain viable. We appreciate that this can complicate the timetable for some students and as such rely heavily on students' reserve choices and

conversations with families to provide alternative programs, where possible, to best suit their needs, skills and interests. This year we are excited to include Innov8 as a new subject for all year 8 students to explore and practice innovative and entrepreneurial skills, and mindsets.

### Reports

The report format for students in years 8-11 at the end of Semester 2 will follow the same format as Semester 1, published on Daymap. We acknowledge the importance of clear lines of communication and the sharing of progress, achievement and concerns for parents and students throughout the year.

### STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE)

Mr Rahbari and Miss Edwards spent time taking five bright, social and clever year 11 students to Adelaide as they competed in our 5<sup>th</sup> straight state STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE). After earlier taking out the regional competition, our team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Grant High School taking the State title. Regardless of the result, this program is a fantastic reflection of the diversity of learning opportunities available for students at our school and is only possible with commitment and support from staff. The students identified, and appreciated, 13 staff (both teachers and SSO's) across four curriculum areas who contributed to their involvement - all of this 'extra' work by staff with these individuals is an example of what is at the heart of great education and learning experiences.



*Edmonds*  
Chris Edmonds  
Principal



# PUPIL FREE Day

Friday 27 November  
(week 7) will be a  
Pupil Free Day

# FAREWELL MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Mount Gambier High School farewelled its class of 2020 at the end of October with an early morning breakfast at Jens Hotel. The breakfast was a chance to have a laugh with a few light hearted awards, followed by words of encouragement as students headed into exams and finalising those last assessment pieces.

The students gathered later in the day for a Scavenger Hunt, as a chance to let off steam before the final home stretch begins.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal



## BANDANNA DAY

On Friday 30 October our SRC held the annual CanTeen Bandanna Day fundraiser. The SRC raised money for this valuable charity by holding a BBQ during lunch and selling CanTeen bandannas throughout the day.



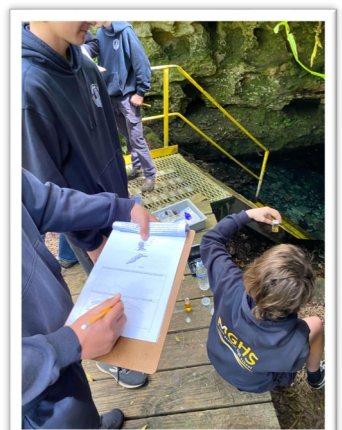
## YEAR 9 STEM EXCURSION

Last Wednesday students from the Year 9 STEM class had the opportunity to visit Mud Hole, Pine Cave and Fossil Cave in the Burrungule area.

Mount Gambier exists in a region surrounded by Geological wonders including over 50 cenotes (sinkholes) and around 800 caves, with only a handful of each being commonly known and explored. Students had the opportunity to visit these three lesser known sites, gaining an appreciation for our unique karst landscape.

While in the field students completed water quality testing, macroinvertebrate sampling, field sketches, looked for evidence of human influence and the presence of introduced species, and gathered a series of measurements, including using GPS location tracking for mapping purposes. It was a beautiful day to be out in the sun enjoying our local environment and all students showed interest in what they were doing.

Jamie Taylor | Teacher



## YEAR 12 END OF YEAR RESULTS

End of year results will be available through Students Online on Tuesday 15 December, from 8.30am. It is expected that official documentation (including your SACE Certificate and Record of Achievement) will be received in the mail from this date onwards, in accordance with local postal schedules.

Please make sure your SACE registration and PIN details are up to date so you can access your final grades on results release day. For more information, visit the SACE website ([www.sace.sa.edu.au](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au)).

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal



## UNI SA STEM INNOVATION EXPERIENCE (STEMIE)

During week 2, a team of our students took part in the University of SA STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE) Regional Showcase for a 5th consecutive year. The challenges were centred around a carnival event in which students constructed their own side show game using robotics, developed an entry people counting system using Arduino, prepared a speech on the safety features of show rides incorporating their practical results from a physics practical on momentum and prepared an interactive budget for the costing of their proposed Spooky Carnival fundraising event.

The showcase was hotly contested and all schools involved presented high quality work, with our team coming out with the win again this year. Our team moved on to compete in the State STEMIE final in Adelaide on 5 November and although did not take the trophy this time, performed very well, receiving third place for their efforts.

Karen Henman | Maths Coordinator



## MFS ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM

Last week members of our local and state MFS and CFS delivered the Road Awareness Program to our year 11 students.

The Road Awareness Program (RAP) is a powerful, hard-hitting road safety presentation delivered by firefighters to both young and experienced drivers across South Australia and interstate. The program is designed to give an open and honest insight into the experience of firefighters working in road crash rescue. RAP seeks to actively engage and empower drivers and other road users through positive peer pressure and its core message: "You get to choose the risk; but you don't get to choose the consequences".

Amanda Fraser | Public Relations Officer



## END OF YEAR EQUIPMENT Returns



Year 12 students with school issued equipment including laptops, bags, chargers and textbooks must return all items prior to Friday November 20 2020.

Accounts will be sent home for any equipment not returned to the school.

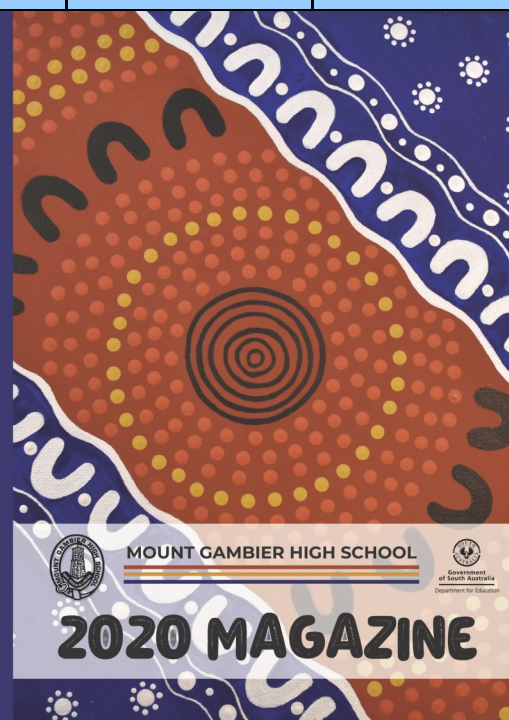
Year 12 students returning in 2021 must have subject selections in place and negotiate keeping school issued equipment with the ICT or CLC teams (dependent on equipment type).

## YEAR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE

Semester 2, Week 6 2020				
Date	Subject	Duration	Time	Room
Thursday 19 November	General Maths (Kennedy & Redemski)	1 hour plus 40 minutes	9.00-10.40	SACE Floor
	General Maths (Trnovsky)	1 hour plus 40 minutes	1.10-2.40	
	Maths C (Trnovsky)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1.10-3.20	
Friday 20 November	Psychology (Cherry)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9.00-11.10	SACE Floor
	Essential Maths (Kennedy)	1 hour plus 40 minutes	1.10-2.40	
	Environmental Biology (Ashcroft)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1.10-3.20	
Monday 23 November	Italian (Crispino)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9.00-11.10	SACE Floor
	Human Biology (O'Connor)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9.00-11.10	
	English Literary Studies (Koop)	1 hour plus 40 minutes	1.10-2.40	
Tuesday 24 November	Chemistry (Edwards)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9.00-11.10	SACE Floor
	Physics (Bonney/Payne)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1.10-3.20	
Wednesday 25 November	Legal Studies (Tunbridge)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9.00-11.10	SACE Floor
	Maths D (Henman)	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1.10-3.20	

# 2020 SCHOOL MAGAZINE \$18

Orders are now being taken for our 2020 School Magazine. Please contact the Student Office to ensure you don't miss out on a copy. Orders will be open until the end of this term. Magazines will be delivered late Term 1, 2021.



## SCHOOL LEAVERS INFO

As part of the Australian Government's Enhanced Support for School Leavers measure, I am pleased to provide you the following web address [www.YourCareer.gov.au](http://www.YourCareer.gov.au) to support Stage 2 students.

The Enhanced Support for School Leavers measure was recently announced by the Australian Government and Provides funding to the National Careers Institute (NCI) to deliver additional support to Stage 2 students as they prepare to take the next steps in a difficult economic climate.

The information on the site [YourCareer.gov.au](http://YourCareer.gov.au) serves as a prompt for students to access an online school leavers information kit.

The information kit will provide students leaving school in 2020 with information about training, education, and employment pathways, to assist them to navigate the changed labour market as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The site [YourCareer.gov.au](http://YourCareer.gov.au), is an online career tool that will enable people to identify career options suited to their interests and circumstances. Your Career is available to anyone, at any age or stage of their career. It uses the most up-to-date research and analytics from the National Skills Commission.

The school leavers information service can also be accessed by calling 1800 CAREER or 1800 227 337 and commenced operation from 1 October 2020 until the end of 2022.

If you require further information you can contact Eluisa Crispino, Vocational Pathway Coordinator on 8721 0200.

## PRESENTATION AND PERFORMANCE CELEBRATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Presentation and Performance Celebration will be filmed in the Garry Costello Centre for Creative Arts performing space on Tuesday 1 December by Rob Tremelling from RT Images.

The film will celebrate and acknowledge the achievement of our students for 2020 and will have an array of entertainment to showcase our talented performing arts students.

Notifications to award recipients will be posted shortly. We ask families concerned to consider the significance of these awards and encourage award recipients to attend this event.

Filming of award presentations will occur during the following times:

Award Presentation	Time
Academic Achievement & Subject Awards : Years 8 to 9	9.00am to 11.15am
Academic Achievement & Subject Awards : Years 10, 11 and 12	11.40am to 1.05pm
Special Awards Years 8-12	2pm

All details have been outlined in letters sent home.

Judith Kelly | Arts Coordinator

Suze Ricketts | Deputy Principal

## ALL SCHOOLS STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCCESS



Hayden Crowe recently returned from the All Schools State Athletics Championships with two gold and one bronze medal for his three events.

A highlight of the event was his 400m run where he finished first after running in the outside lane and smashing his previous best of 51.78 seconds to finish in 50.04. Hayden also had a win in the 200m, running a national qualifying time in his heat of 22.83.

Tracy Crowe | Parent

## ENTREPRENEURIAL ADVISORY BOARD

eNVision Limestone Coast was delighted to host South Australia's Entrepreneurship Advisory Board onsite at Mount Gambier High School; taking the opportunity to showcase the collaboration between Flinders University and the School and highlight the amazing outcomes for students who have been involved.

Callena Rawlings | Regional Manager, eNVision Limestone Coast



# PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS *Recipients*

Congratulations to the following students who were recently presented with Principal's Awards!



Jemma Hamilton



Ethan Perryman-Cary

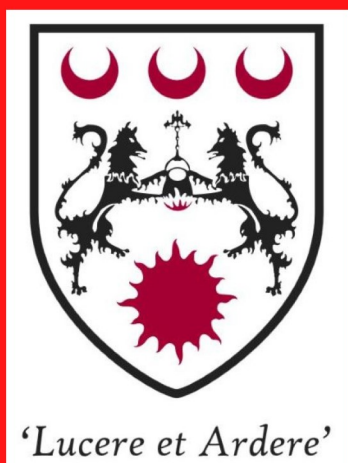


Kahlia Tye



Brodie Anderson

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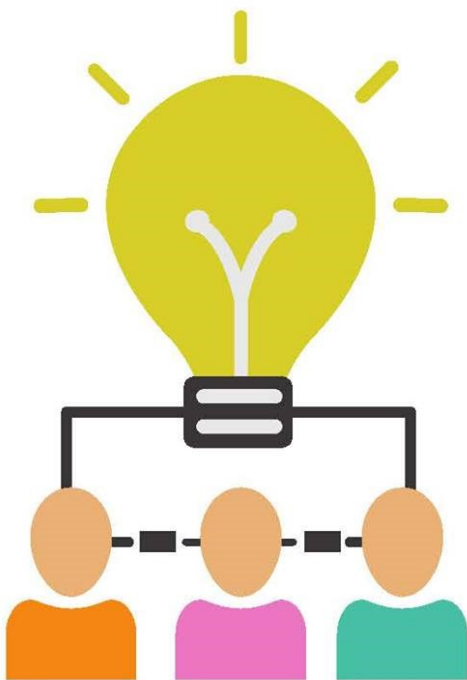
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Contact your VET coordinator for more information or to express interest in this pathway program

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who have kindly offered to support our students by donating awards to be presented at our Presentation and Performance Celebration.

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Mr Harold Allison

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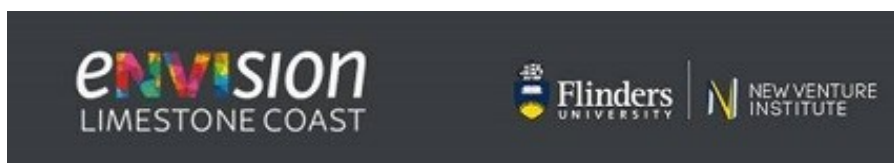
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