



MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 12s

Last week was the last formal week of schooling for our year 12 students. This was celebrated through the farewell assembly on Tuesday and breakfast Friday morning. Our year 12s then enjoyed 'muck up day' events following their breakfast.

This week, our year 12s commenced their exams, with Math Methods being the first exam sat. The year 12s have been well supported throughout the year by their teachers who have ensured that they try and get every student across the line. The formal is the last school event for our year 12 students and is a time to celebrate the year that was, as well as say goodbye to 13 years of school. On behalf of all staff at Mount Gambier High School, we wish you all the best for the future and look forward to celebrating all student results when they are released in early December.

PE Week

This week we involved ourselves in the annual celebration of all things active for PE Week 2021. Some great activities have been held throughout the week with the importance of being fit, healthy and active a focus. A huge thank you to our HPE faculty, supporting staff and students for getting the week organised; weeks like this help build a positive culture for our school community.

External School Review

As part of our continuous school improvement process, we will be involved in an external school review with a Department for Education review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build confidence in government schools. The focus of the external school review is to evaluate whether we are on track with the directions we were given in 2020. The review panel includes a review officer and a trained review principal. The review panel will identify aspects of our school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes, as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future. Our school review will occur on Tuesday 23 November. The review process will include staff, parent and student conversations. Thank you to all who have volunteered to be a part of the parent feedback during this process.

2022 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

Upcoming Events

Small Schools Transition

Tuesday 16 November

Student Free Day

Wednesday 17 November

Stage 1 Exams

Thursday 18 to Wednesday
24 November

PLP Round Tables

Friday 19 November

Year 12 Formal

Saturday 20 November

Year 6/7 Parent Info Night

Monday 22 & Tuesday 23
November

Governing Council Meeting

Monday 29 November

Year 7 Orientation Program

Monday 29 to Tuesday 30
November

Year 8 Orientation Program

Wednesday 1 to Thursday 2
December

Last Day for Year 10s

Friday 3 December

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

rely heavily on students' reserve choices and conversations with families to provide alternative programs, where possible, to best suit their needs, skills and interests.

STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE)

Karen Henman and Grace Edwards spent time taking six bright, social and clever year 10 and 11 students to Adelaide as they competed in our 6th straight state STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE). After earlier taking out the regional competition, our team finished 4th. 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. 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.




Suze Ricketts
Principal

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STAGE 1 FOOD & HOSPITALITY

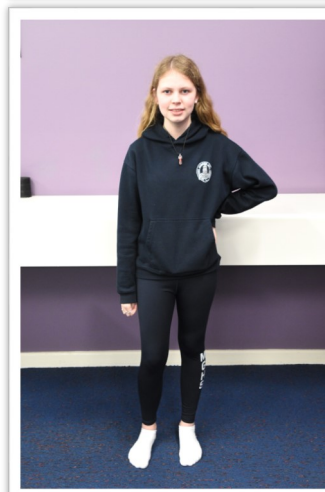
Ms Longbottom's Stage 1 Food and Hospitality class successfully completed their last summative task on Monday. Students prepared a range of tasty pasta and noodle based dishes to serve to their guests!



NEW UNIFORM UPDATE

We can confirm that all items in our new Lowes Uniform range have now been through the sample approval process and are currently being mass produced in readiness for the start of the 2022 school year. Unfortunately, due to the difficulties faced this year with COVID-19 our expected delivery dates for stock arriving in the Mount Gambier store have been delayed. We have been guaranteed by Lowes Australia that all uniform items will be available for purchase in store by mid-January 2022 (a couple of weeks before the start of term 1). A designated week long 20 percent off promotion will be run in January for in store and online purchases of the Mount Gambier High School uniform range so that families can take the time to pop in to try on items and make purchases at a significantly discounted price. The release date for our uniform range, price list and information about accessing the 20 percent off promotion week will be shared with our school community in our last newsletter of this year (week 8).

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer





CLASS OF 2021 LAST WEEK CELEBRATIONS

What a week it was for our Class of 2021. Not only did we have the school organised events, but the students also organised some fun and frivolity for each day to entertain not only themselves but the staff. Monday was Funky Socks day, Tuesday was the Farewell Assembly and Wacky Sunnies day, Wednesday was Uniform Swap day, Thursday was a Pizza lunch, a Class of 2021 celebratory cake and Crazy Hair day, while Friday was their traditional Muck up day after the annual breakfast at the Jen's Hotel.

While there was certainly laughter, there were also some tears and the realisation that their time at school was coming to an end, even though there are still exams and some assignments to finish off over the next few weeks.

It has been a wonderful journey to go on with the Class of 2021 and on behalf of the Mount Gambier High School community we wish you all the very best for your next adventures in life. We have watched you grow and develop over the last five years into beautiful young people and we look forward to seeing what life has in store for you. We look forward to celebrating with you at the final formal occasion for the Class of 2021, the Year 12 Formal on November 20.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal



BANDANNA DAY

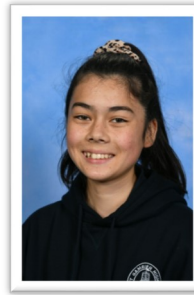
Held on the last Friday in October, National Bandanna Day is the flagship fundraising and awareness campaign for CanTeen. This Australian charity has raised more than \$33 million over its time to support young people impacted by cancer. This year the Mount Gambier High School SRC organised a fundraising BBQ and sold Bandannas to support the cause. We raised over \$700 which is amazing!

The SRC would like to thank Collins Court Butchers, for their kind donation of 250 sausages and Baker's Delight Compton Street for their donation of eight loaves of bread. We were also supported by the Jennings family who provided an Apple Square so students could donate both using cash and eftpos facilities.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator



2022 SCHOOL PHOTOS



Our 2022 School Photos will be taken by [advancedlife](https://www.advancedlife.com.au) on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 February 2022 (week 2 term 1). Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed at the beginning of next year, the preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and

associated security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Orders can be placed online now by following the directions below.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- **ZDF R9R CD1**.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advanced order code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact [advancedlife](https://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact) at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer

PLP ROUND TABLES

A reminder to all Year 10 Students and parents/ caregivers that Friday 19 November is Round Table presentations for Personal Learning Plan. Students are only required to be at school on the day during their organised appointment time. They must be in uniform or neat casual attire. Any questions or concerns please contact your PLP Teacher.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator

LOST PROPERTY

The Student Office has collected a large amount of lost property over this year. Items range from air pods, earphones, hats, jumpers, jewellery, keys and phones. If your child has lost any items, please make sure to pop into the Student Office to double check the lost property box. Items uncollected by the end of the year will be disposed of.

Student Office Team



ARTS FEST

The Mount Gambier High School Arts Fest 2021 was a celebration of the wonderful success of all students who studied in the Arts this year. The gallery showcased student artworks from the Visual Arts. Visual Art and Design students choose the media, medium/s, style and subject matter based on personal interest, while practitioner statements demonstrated the intention, process, and outcome. Photography students explored the study of camera techniques in traditional and contemporary styles, and the use of Adobe Photoshop software to edit images.

Performing Arts students from Music, Creative Arts Drama and Film, and Dance showcased their talents through a range of performances: vocal solos and duets, dance duets, band, drama monologues, and self-directed short films including a stop motion piece. They also highlighted their composition and choreography skills through hero and villain theme compositions and dance videos.

I would like to thank all staff in the Arts faculty for their support of our Arts students this year, and Amanda Lengyel and Pauline McInerney for their support with this event.

Meg Spirat | Arts Coordinator

YEAR 11 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The year is drawing to a close and with exams and final assignments fast approaching, we know this is a busy time. We urge our students to organise the remaining weeks so they study hard and still have time to rest. Below are the arrangements for the end of year.

The last official day of lessons for all Stage 1 subjects is Tuesday 16 November 2021.

Exams: Exams will be held from Thursday, 18 November to Wednesday 24 November on the SACE Floor. Room 29 will act as the study floor if students choose to come in and prepare for exams. Students will be required to record their attendance on the sign-in sheet. Students will be offered a debrief lesson to collect and review their exams. Subject teachers will let students know when their review session is scheduled. These will be held on the SACE Floor in week 8, or a classroom negotiated with the students prior to the commencement of exam week.

Presentation & Performance Celebration: This will be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Monday 6 December 2021. This is the school's formal celebration and showcase of student achievement for 2021.

Book Returns/School Clearance Procedures: Please return all books to the Collaborative Learning Centre and if you are leaving school, follow clearance procedures outlined on the forms available from the Student Office by Wednesday 24 November.

Lockers: Students are asked to clean out lockers and return keys or remove locks by Tuesday 16 November.

Laptops: If you are not returning to school in 2022, you must return all your IT equipment to the IT Office by Wednesday 24 November 2021.

Students returning in 2022 may choose to keep using the school supplied device at school in 2022, however, a reminder these laptops are an ageing device. Mount Gambier High School has endorsed a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. If you would like to purchase a device, please refer to the following link for guidelines and requirements for a BYOD: http://mghs.sa.edu.au/html/askit_byod.html

On behalf of the senior team I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 students all the very best with your upcoming exams and finishing off remaining assessment work. We look forward to working with you all as the Class of 2022.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal

YEAR 11 EXAMS

Date	Subject	Duration	Time	Prospective Room	Teacher
Thur 18 Nov	Essential Mathematics	60 Minutes	9:00 - 10:10	SACE Floor	Henman
	Mathematics C	120 Minutes	1:10 - 3:20	SACE Floor	Trnovsky
Fri 19 Nov	General Mathematics	90 Minutes	9:00 - 10:40	SACE Floor	Redemski
	General Mathematics	90 Minutes	1:10 - 3:20	SACE Floor	Trnovsky
	Mathematics D	120 Minutes	1:10 - 3:20	SACE Floor	Rahbari
Mon 22 Nov	Psychology	90 Minutes	9:00 - 10:30	SACE Floor	Cherry
	Biology - Human Focus	120 Minutes	1:10 - 3:20	SACE Floor	O'Connor
Tues 23 Nov	Physics	90 Minutes	9:00 - 10:40	SACE Floor	Kanakaris
	Modern History	90 Minutes	1:10 - 2:40	SACE Floor	Collison
Weds 24 Nov	Chemistry	120 Minutes	9:00 - 11:00	SACE Floor	Edwards
	Italian	120 Minutes	1:10 - 3:10	SACE Floor	Crispino
Thurs 25 Nov	Biology - Environmental	120 Minutes	9:00 - 11:00	SACE Floor	Ashcroft
	English Literary Studies	90 Minutes	1:10 - 2:40	SACE Floor	Collison
Fri 26 Nov	OAC Japanese	120 Minutes	9:00 - 11:00	SACE Floor	Saffin

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS

We would like to congratulate the following students who have recently secured a school-based traineeship and full/part time employment.

Year 10 student, Brooke Moulden is undertaking a School-Based Traineeship, Certificate IV Real Estate Practice with host employer Malseeds Real Estate. Brooke already had experienced administrative work within the business and Jason Malseed, Director was extremely happy with her performance, leading to this School-Based Traineeship opportunity. Thank you to Julie Howe, MEGT Australia and Jade Martin, Jason and Bronwyn Malseed, Malseed Real Estate for working closely with Mount Gambier High School.

Year 11 student, Lucas Kyle for securing a School-Based Traineeship, Certificate III Business with host employer Confession. Once again recent work experience has led to this opportunity. Thank you to Kelly Agnew, MEGT Australia and the team from Confession for supporting Lucas with his Vocational Studies and work.

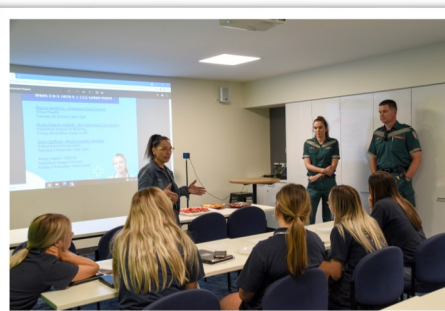
The Year 10 Health and Allied Health Industry Immersion Program provided students with opportunities to build their understanding of the world of work, the skills and capabilities required by employers and the pathways available to them through and beyond school.

Students heard from industry experts, specialist in the field and participated in workshops that provided them with valuable insight and understanding in the different sectors of allied health. The following workshop and information sessions were held over the past few weeks:

- Individual Support Session with Kirsty Tweed from TAFE SA who discussed employment in the Individual Support sector and pathways beyond.
- Emily and Matt from Ambulance SA and shared about the pathways into nursing and medicine.
- Bianca Vanstone from Limestone Coast Speech spoke about career opportunities in Speech Pathology
- Maria Cabadin-Gilkoff from The Oaks Aged Care Facility led students through the pathway possibilities for Individual Support and Nursing.

"I think it is something that's definitely worth doing. I'm also really enjoying the introduction into the program and looking forward to this upcoming opportunity," Nop Pha Rad, Year 10 Student.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator



PRESENTATION AND PERFORMANCE NIGHT



Presentation and Performance Night will be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Monday 6 December where we will celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students for 2021. The evening will have an array of entertainment to showcase our talented dance, drama and music students. Our school has much to celebrate and the evening will be structured into two sessions. The junior session will run from 6.00pm to 7.15pm and the senior session will commence at 8.15pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm.

Notifications to award recipients were posted out this week. We ask that families consider the significance of these awards and join us in the celebrations at this event.

Tickets for family and friends will be available online via the following online links from 9am on Tuesday 16 November or by telephone/counter sales during box office opening hours Wednesday to Friday, 12.30pm to 4.00pm and one hour prior to the performance:

Junior Session: <https://helpmann.countryarts.org.au/event/3191:17304/3191:48885/>

Senior Session: <https://helpmann.countryarts.org.au/event/3191:17304/3191:48886/>

If attending both sessions, tickets will need to be purchased directly from the theatre by telephone/counter bookings.

All details have been outlined in letters sent home. Consent forms must be returned to the student office no later than Monday 29 November.

Jamie Ryan | Deputy Principal

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 19 2021. Year 12 students returning in 2022 must have subject selections in place and negotiate keeping school issued equipment with the ICT or CLC teams (dependent on equipment type).

Year 8 to 11 students returning to school in 2022 may hold onto their ICT equipment until next year, however all text books and other school borrowed items need to be returned by Wednesday 24 November 2021 (year 11s) and Friday 3 December (years 8 to 10).

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

2021 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Orders

Pre orders are being taken for our 2021 School Magazine which will be ready for delivery towards the end of term 1 next year. This year due to reduced printing costs, the purchase price of the magazine has been reduced to \$15 each. The cost of each magazine is determined by the amount of books sold so please support this much loved memento that students will be able to look back on over the years.

Orders can be made by contacting the Student Office, with various forms of payment available including Commitment to Pay agreements.



SA Metropolitan Fire Service presents

Public RAP

Wednesday 17 November
6:00pm
Mount Gambier High School
GCCCA Theatre
17 Brownes Road
Mount Gambier

Bookings are essential:
eventbrite.com.au/e/181516198837



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