

# St Mary MacKillop

GRATITUDE: "WE HAVE MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL" (1873)

## NEWS

### Vision

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

### Mission

At St Mary MacKillop College we are people who affirm the dignity of every person, who act with respect and compassion, who reverence relationships, who have hearts for generosity and forgiveness.

*We celebrate our Catholic identity.*

*We respect the unique dignity, faith and gifts of each person.*

*We value learning, aspiration and connectedness and we work together to create a positive future.*

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

This week has concluded on a very exciting note. After weeks of wondering about what might be in the 1998 time capsule it was opened this morning. With a number of past students from the Year 12 class of 1998 present and after a drum roll, the capsule was opened. We eagerly waiting to see what was inside and found an interesting twist. The time capsule was full of items from 1987!

So we have all been left a little bewildered as to how a plaque from 1998 was fixed to a time capsule from 1987. We have been left wondering "Where is the time capsule from 1998?" and "What is in all of the personally addressed envelopes from the students that were at the school in 1987?"

So our mystery will continue for some time as we reunite past students with their letters. As a student here myself in 1987, my envelope states that I am not to open it until 2037. Will I have the willpower to wait another 20 years?



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### FUTURE EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Last Day of Classes
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Exams
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	2019 Year 12 VCAL Subject Selection Interviews
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	2019 Year 12 VCE Subject Selection Interviews
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Camp
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Orientation Week
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Graduation Mass & Dinner



Last week and this week we also announced the 2019 House Captains and Student Committee Captains.

Congratulations to:

**Solomon**



Tahlia Barry



Liam Bell

**Tenison**



Emma Gilbee



Callum Robinson-Hore

**Woods**



Meg Hogan



Liam Thornton

**Xavier**



Gabrielle De Maio



Oscar Gale

**ARTS Committee**



Hana Roberts



Kate Mullan

**ACADEMIC Committee**



Charli Meney



Amy Edwards

**ACTIVITIES Committee**



Bonni McKay



Georgia Zambelli



Josh Sutton

**ENVIRONMENT Committee**



Sylvia Peace



Kuichiang Dualdong

**LIBRARY Committee**



Bessie Slater



Xavier Murphy

**LITURGY Committee**



Sienna Haeusler

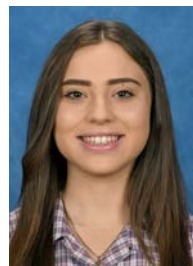


Emma Hoare

**SOCIAL JUSTICE and WELLBEING Committee**



Mietta Kelly



Jemma Ierace

Regards

**Michelle Haeusler**  
Principal



## FAITH MATTERS

We said farewell to our Year 12 students last week at our End of Year Mass. A wonderful celebration was held in St Mary's Church. The church was completely filled with the whole student body, staff and numerous family members of the Year 12 students. I would like to thank Fr. Matt for another engaging homily and for his willingness to work with me when preparing these masses. My thanks also to our musicians and singers and the Liturgy committee for their reading and to Emma Hoare, who very confidently worked the computer.



## YEAR 12 FAREWELLS

We celebrated the last day for the Year 12 Class of 2018 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Our End of Year Mass was followed by a luncheon for the Year 12 students and their families and a special assembly to send off our Year 12 students. We wish them good luck in their exams.

It's onward and upward from here, best wishes to the Year 12s as they embark on the next chapter of their lives!



# AJASS YEAR 10 PILGRIMAGE

St Mary MacKillop College is a member school of the Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools (AJASS). Each year, students and staff from these schools organize and participate in a pilgrimage, following in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods. This year, the pilgrimage was to the South Island of New Zealand.

The following report was delivered by Emma Hoare and Xavier Murphy – the two students from our school who were chosen to attend.

Good morning staff and students, for the AJASS Pilgrimage this year Xavier Murphy, Mrs Wright and I travelled to New Zealand. We joined with Mary MacKillop Catholic College Leongatha, Mount St Joseph's Girl's College Altona, MacKillop College Werribee and Penola Catholic College. We met at the airport on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7am and we all introduced ourselves and started to become friends. We boarded the plane at 8:30am, bound for Christchurch Airport. The plane was equipped with a group chat messaging option so we made a group chat with the other 16 students to try and learn more about everyone. We arrived in Christchurch at 2pm and hopped on a tour bus and looked around Christchurch. We saw a Church that was made out of cylinders and saw a memorial of 85 white chairs which was representing the 85 people that were killed in the earthquake that occurred in 2011. After our little sightseeing tour of Christchurch, we went to visit Marion College.



Marion College had to be relocated and share the grounds of another school because their school was so badly damaged in the earthquake. We were given a tour of the current location of Marion College but today, seven years later, they still don't have a permanent location for their school. Sister Eleanor spoke to us about Mary MacKillop and where she had been when she went to New Zealand. We went out for dinner that night and we were able to meet even more kids that were on the trip. We walked back to our hotel after dinner and got to know more everyone else on the pilgrimage.

On Day 2, we left at 8:15am bound for Temuka. Once in Temuka, we were welcomed into the town by the students from St Joseph's School before going over to the church for a welcoming from the priest. Once everyone was seated the children stood up the front of the church and sang for us in their native Maori language. After they finished singing, some of the boys did the 'Haka' for us. It was so great to see them so passionate about something that is close to their hearts. The children of St Joseph's then gave us a tour of their school and the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The Heritage Centre was built in honour of Mary. It was built next the chapel that was already standing where Mary had prayed.



After that heartfelt welcome and tour of the school and Heritage Centre in Temuka, we left for Timaru. We were greeted by Father Brian Fennessy, before going for a walk up on top of the Basilica. The Basilica was built and completed by 1911 and the views were exceptional! We stayed at Roncalli College in Timaru for the night.

On Day 3 we left Timaru for Queenstown. It was a long bus trip but didn't feel very long as we were all singing songs and marvelled at the snow-capped mountains and the pristine blue freshwater lakes. The lakes are made up of the snow that melts off of the mountains so we were able to drink the water. That's a memory we know we won't forget. Before arriving in Queenstown we stopped in Arrowtown and had a little look around. Arrowtown was a significant stop for our pilgrimage as this was a destination for the Sisters of St Joseph. They lived and worked in Arrowtown and Mary visited the quaint little town and stayed there.

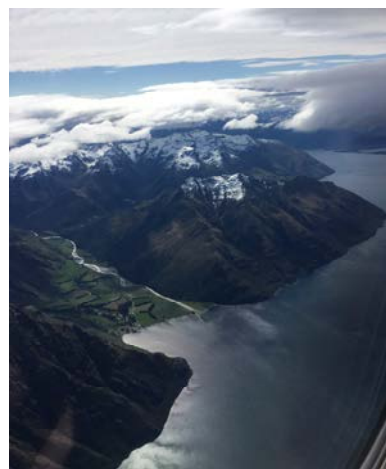
Just picture the main street as something like the Pioneer Settlement or the Port in Echuca. It was old but preserved but the shops were modern. After doing some shopping of lollies and souvenirs in Arrowtown we left for Queenstown where we went to our final accommodation for the trip, Pinewood Lodge.



On our final morning, we packed all our bags and we got to enjoy ourselves with all of the kids from the trip before we would go our separate ways, once back in Melbourne. After breakfast, we went on the Queenstown Skyline Gondola. The Queenstown Skyline Gondola is an excellent way to get a bird's eye view of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and surrounding mountains. It only takes a few minutes by gondola to ride the 450 vertical metres from the base station to the Skyline complex on Bob's Peak.

After coming back down on the Gondola ride, the teachers let us all go shopping in Queenstown. We had time to buy souvenirs for our families before meeting up so we could leave for the airport. We arrived at the airport, checked in our bags for the last time then went through customs before doing a quick little activity as a group. We were to write something we enjoyed about someone or something we found

out about someone and write on a little piece of paper then give it to that person. It made you feel good that you could possibly make someone's day, or they could do the same for you if you were having a bad day. We arrived back in Melbourne, collected our luggage and once out of the international lounge we all were very happy to see our families. We said our goodbyes to the teachers and students but one day, we'll all meet up again.



On behalf of Emma and myself, we would like to thank Mrs Haeusler and Mrs Wright for giving us this opportunity to go overseas on this pilgrimage. If anyone out there would like to know more information on the pilgrimage, feel free to come and talk to Emma, Mrs Wright or myself, because it was a wonderful experience for anyone to enjoy.

**Emma Hoare and Xavier Murphy**  
Year 10 Students



# TEACHING AND LEARNING

## VCE Examinations

Year 12 VCE external examinations commenced on Wednesday 31st October and will continue for some students until Wednesday 21st November, with the final exam being for those that studied Italian or Japanese. I wish all Year 12 students the very best over this time and hope they gain the rewards from their years of learning.

Full details of examination timetables, rules and the VCE Navigator are available on the VCAA website <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/index.aspx>

## Subject Selection Counselling Interviews for students entering Year 12 in 2019

These interviews involving parents, students and staff from the St Mary MacKillop College Pathways Team will be held throughout Week 6, 12th – 16th November. These interviews are considered an important step into Year 12 and aim to provide yet another opportunity to discuss subjects, career pathways and how we can best work together to support each student in their learning.

This is also Year 11 exam week so appointments need to be planned around times students do not have a scheduled exam. Bookings will be made online using the Parent Access Module (PAM) and full details are available on the flyer on the next page.

## Subject Selection Counselling Interviews for students entering Year 11 in 2019

These interviews will be held throughout Week 7, 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Year 12 Orientation 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Students completing Year 12 subjects in 2019 are required to complete an orientation program to ensure they make the best start possible to their final year of secondary schooling. Students completing Year 12 VCAL program will only be required on Tuesday 20th November, whereas students completing a VCE Pathway will be required for all four days. Year 11 students that have accelerated their studies and are completing a Year 12 subject should also attend their classes as well as the Year 12 Organisation session, Lesson 1 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be set essential holiday homework and introduced to key concepts specific for each of their selected subjects. Attendance is compulsory.

Please contact the Senior School Coordinator, Mrs Suzy Haley if you have any questions.

## After School Homework and Study Help in the Learning Resource Centre (Library)

In an effort to assist students with their homework and develop sound study skills, the staff at St Mary MacKillop College have been rostered into the Learning Resource Centre every Monday – Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. We strongly encourage students to utilise this excellent facility, where students can stay after school any day until 4:30pm (except Friday when the Learning Resource Centre closes at 4:00pm).

<b>After School Homework and SAC Supervision</b>					
<b>Week</b>	<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>
5 05/11	Student Free		Public Holiday		Rob Waterson
6 12/11	Chelsea Watson		Catherine Smith		Jane Alderuccio
7 19/11	Michelle Haeulser		Lyndal Robinson		Nick Danaher

## **Sally Looney**

Director of Teaching and Learning

# **SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS ARE OVERDUE!**

Payment of School Fee accounts is now overdue.  
Your prompt attention to this would be appreciated.

Please contact Kerryn Keam if this is not possible on 5032 9771

Dear Parents,

Subject Selection Counselling interviews for students entering Year 12 VCE in 2019 will be held in the Library on the following dates:

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 3.20pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 3.20pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 1.00pm and 3.00pm – 5.40pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 3.00pm

Interviews for students entering Year 12 VCAL 2019 will be held in the Library on:

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 3.20pm
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**You can now book interviews at times that suit  
YOUR FAMILY BEST.**

**Login to <http://pam.mackillopsh.vic.edu.au/> and enter through  
Parent Teacher Interviews to make your booking.  
Select Pathways Team and book your time.**

**BOOKINGS OPEN: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 4.00pm**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am**

**Please check the Year 11 Exam Timetable and Unit 4 Exam Timetable to ensure students do not have an exam scheduled at the time required for the interview.**

Parents who do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, can contact Front Reception on 5032 9771 from 9am Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to make their bookings, or send a note to school with the approximate times required. Interviews are strictly of 20 minutes duration. If you require more time, or a phone interview, please contact Brenda Brady in the Pathways Office to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting PAM and changing the booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school.

# YEAR 11 VCE EXAM TIMETABLE

Please be advised that Year 11 exams will run from Monday 12th November to Thursday 15th November. All Year 11 VCE exams are conducted in the Jubilee Centre. Students must wear their correct school uniform to each exam.

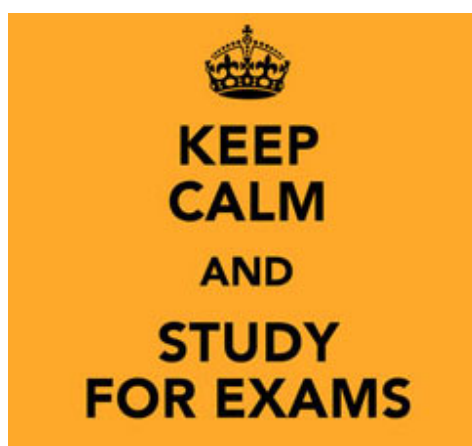
Students are not required to be at school during the exam period unless they have an exam. If they need to remain on the college grounds students must be in the LRC. Students in Year 11 VCAL classes should ensure all required outcomes have been completed by the due dates set by their teacher.

**Year 11 students completing a Unit 4 Exam must attend the VCE Unit 4 examinations as a priority.**

Please see Mrs Sally Looney should you have any questions or concerns.

**Any students with an exam clash must email Mrs Looney to make alternative arrangements.**

	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>9:00am – 10:45 am</b>  (English & Literature finish at 11am)	English  Literature	General Maths  Maths Methods	Biology  Accounting	Physical Education  History
<b>1:30pm – 3:15pm</b>	Business Management  Italian	Studio Art  Physics  Psychology	Health & Human Development  Chemistry	Legal Studies  Visual Communication & Design





## PATHWAYS/CAREERS

We are looking forward to 2019 Subject Counselling which commences Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We love the opportunity to meet with both students and their parents as they prepare to enter VCE (Year 11) and meet again with students who are about to undertake Year 12 studies. We believe these meetings are invaluable and we love to hear about students' future pathway dreams and plans, and offer our help and support to them as they continue their journey at St Mary MacKillop College. This year all the interviews will be held in the Library near our temporary office. Parents are required to sign in at the Front Office.

### Vocational Education and Training (VET) including Traineeships, Apprenticeships and TAFE study

It is crucial that both parents and students take the time to understand the VET sector and it is no secret that employers love job applicants who have TAFE qualifications, including those who graduate from a University degree with a VET qualification. Many young people don't even consider studying VET due to incorrect perceptions or through lack of understanding of the sector.

VET graduates are considered to have '*job ready*' skills and in the future labour market (with one in every two young people expected to complete a Bachelor degree), it is more important than ever to have diverse skills, industry experience and more than one qualification (e.g. a Bachelor of Engineering with a TAFE Diploma in Project Management).

Specific occupations with the biggest growth prediction include sales assistants, aged care workers, disability workers, enrolled nurses, electricians, chefs, and early childhood education workers etc. Current skills shortages are in occupations such as automotive trades, food trades, construction trades, and building professionals.

It is important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year. Prospective students will need to ensure that they attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.



### Year 9 and Year 10 News

Previously students had been investigating different study techniques and now have had an opportunity to revise a unit of their choice using tools and techniques that had been presented in earlier classes.

Year 10 students have had some very interesting talks this week regarding the impact of music and learning, and when is the right time to have music playing when studying, doing homework and revising. This was a great opportunity to listen to many different views and after a great discussion, students overall recognised that background music is preferable and less damaging to loud music coming through headphones, and no music is best when learning a new task.

**Laura Crow and Brenda Brady**  
Pathways Team

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A huge thank-you to all of our students, staff and families across our College community who donated generously to Operation Christmas Child last term. Earlier this week, Mr Murphy and the Woods student leaders were able to deliver an amazing 47 shoeboxes filled with toys, clothes and other gifts, which will now be distributed to children around the globe. The response was beyond even what we had hoped for and Woods House are already looking forward to running this initiative again next year. The compassionate spirit of our College in action once again!



### **Joel Murphy**

Woods House Leader

## TENISON'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Tenison House hosted a Biggest Morning Tea and a casual dress day to raise much-needed funds for the Cancer Council. Overall, a grand total of \$867 is being donated to the Cancer Council. What an achievement by our staff and students! A BIG thank you to the Tenison staff and students on their delicious creations! We are very fortunate to have such caring and giving students willing to donate both their time and financially.

### **Jennifer Salvo**

Tenison House Leader



## 2018 SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October saw 6 students from St Mary MacKillop College compete in the School Sports Victoria State Athletics Championships, held at the Lakeside Athletics Track in Melbourne. The students were able to achieve the following results:

### **Chelsea Tofful**

200m 5<sup>th</sup> Place 28.90  
Long Jump 6<sup>th</sup> Place 4.47m

### **Jackelyn Burge**

100m Hurdles 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 16.77

### **Girls 17yrs Relay (Jackelyn Burge, Chelsea Tofful, Charlie Meney, Rachelle Cameron)**

4x100m 5<sup>th</sup> Place 55.34

### **Quinn Grey**

Javelin 6<sup>th</sup> Place 29.62m

### **Corey Grey**

Javelin 8<sup>th</sup> Place 35.08m

A big congratulations to all of these students for their efforts throughout a long day! Also a big thank you to all of the parents who assisted in the transport of the students. Well done once again on representing our College so well!

### **Jeremy Wirges**

Sports Coordinator

# YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL AND S-FACTOR REPORT

Last weekend saw the return of Swan Hill's S-Factor and the annual Youth Arts Festival. Both the talent show and arts festival were designed a few years ago to showcase and celebrate the huge amount of youth talent we have in Swan Hill and surrounding areas.

This year I was lucky enough to be the Youth Arts Festival Ambassador which meant that I, along with my committee organised and ran the festival, and along with the NOVO Youth Council organized and ran S-Factor.

There was a huge number of students who either were involved with the planning of one or both events (these students were apart of either the YAF Committee or NOVO Youth Council Committee) or entered one or both events. To see so many students be involved with each event, in any way was so rewarding for me and was just reminder of the huge amount and wide array of talent we have here at Mackillop College.

The following students either performed or helped in the organising and running of the event: Stephanie Hartshorn, Toni Mia Scalora, Phoebe Griffiths, Jayden Wilkinson, Michael Raudino, Rachael Sedlacek, Will Garvie, Grace Scott, Gabriella De Maio, Jethro Edullantes, Madeline Wright, Robin Alvear, Madison Burman, Simone Steer, Clarisa Wiggins, Charlotte Rush, Max Sewell, Will Balkin, Kate Mullan, Ruby Hollingworth, Emma Hoare, Emma Atkinson, Isabella Gilchrist, Lani Wilkinson, Mia Hawkins, Tahlia Lorimer, Brahe Lorimer, Erica Glowery, Alycia Anderson, Olivia Closter, Natalia Smith, Jorja King and myself. Thank you to all who entered or were part of the planning committee and for all the support I received.

The students who were involved in S-Factor or YAF in any way should be incredibly proud of themselves. I strongly encourage the artists to keep exploring and showcasing their talents, any chance they get! Also, I strongly encourage the students who were a part of either committee to continue volunteering as it is a great way to make news friends and have new experiences!

**Hana Roberts**  
Year 11 Student



# eat. move. smile.

fruit & veg                      more often                      together

Think about these three words to help your child (and yourself) be their most healthy and happy

**Eat** more fruit and veggies

**Move** more often

**Smile** with friends, family and neighbours.

Getting good nutrition, good levels of physical activity and interacting with other kids and adults are important factors in the growth, learning and health of children.

## Week 3



### Walk to School

Walk to School has been taking place throughout the month of October – Have you been choosing an active journey to school with your kids this month? Luckily, there's still time! Walk to School month doesn't finish until the 2nd November, so make the most of the warm weather and get active on the way to school!

Walk to School is a great opportunity to get active and enjoy spring! We understand not all students can walk to school so here are some other options:

- Pick a drop off point near your school such as a park, car park, oval, and walk the rest of the way
- Park your car further away to drop the kids off
- Walk a few laps of the oval before class starts

When walking to school remember to always **STOP**, **LOOK** and **LISTEN** before crossing the road and use school crossings where possible.

## Week 4



### Free Dental Check Ups

Do you know that any child under 13 has access to free dental care from the Swan Hill District Health Dental Service? Regular dental check-ups are important to ensure healthy teeth and gums. It's important for children to regularly visit a dentist from an early age to prevent dental issues as well as to develop healthy habits.

Call the clinic on 5033 9336 or drop into 30 High Street Swan Hill to book your appointment.



Call Amanda on 0407 025 266 to arrange one free drive lesson in Swan Hill



**JACARANDA**

**LODGE**

**MELBOURNE CUP  
LUNCHEON 2018**



**TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**11:30AM START**

**2 COURSE LUNCHEON**

**\$25/ADULT**

**\$10/CHILD U/14**

**WHERE: TOOLEYBUC SPORTING CLUB**

**SWEEPS, RAFFLES, SPINNING WHEEL,  
LADY & GENT OF THE DAY, HAT OF THE DAY,  
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AND MORE**



**BOOKINGS: CONTACT TOOLEYBUC SPORTING CLUB  
RECEPTION ON 5030 5476**



**headspace**  
Swan Hill

# Youth Reference Group

## Applications open!

**Aged 12-25 years old?**

**Do you have something to say about youth issues?**

headspace Swan Hill is providing an opportunity for young people to be heard and be active around youth issues in our area.

Young people will work with **headspace** Swan Hill staff to organise local projects and offer their ideas on how to improve services for young people.

**How to apply?** Get in touch with us by dropping in at our centre, 11 Pritchard St Swan Hill, or contact Liz Hindle on 4010 7127 or email [lhindle@shdh.org.au](mailto:lhindle@shdh.org.au)

**Applications close FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2018**



VICTORIA POLICE

# INFORMATION SESSION

**When:** 6.00pm – 8.00pm  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Where:** Auditorium- Swan Hill Town Hall  
53-57 McCallum St, Swan Hill 3585

**Roles:** Police Officer, Protective Services Officer, Police Custody Officer &  
Victorian Public Servant

**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL** — <https://police.swanhill.eventbrite.com.au>

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# A CAREER SERVING THE COMMUNITY