

Dear MMS Families,

We are going to have a wonderful 2024. We are ready for a fresh start and there will be many opportunities for students to learn, demonstrate their independence and create some long-lasting memories.

I hope this letter, which is packed with links and information, will be helpful as you navigate the year ahead. If you have any questions, please send an email to your child's classroom teacher if your child is in Years 4 – 6, or email your advisor if students are in Years 7 – 12.

The Head of Campus for Brighton is Tim Dewar – that's me. This means I will look after Cycle 3, Cycle 4, Cycle 5 and Cycle 6. My email is [timd@mms.vic.edu.au](mailto:timd@mms.vic.edu.au).

Your child's class teacher or advisor will support students and be key points of contact for students and families during the year.

### Points of contact:

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Calendar: <https://parents.melbournemontessori.vic.edu.au/calendar/>

### Information Nights:

We will hold the first Parent Information Night for the year on **Tuesday, 6 February**. This event will start at **6:30 pm and finish at 8:30 pm**. You will hear about our programs, key dates, be given information about camps and how to access information during the year.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in **Term 1 on Tuesday, 19 and Thursday, 21 March**, and in **Term 3 on Tuesday, 10 and Thursday, 12 September**, for all Brighton students from Cycle 3 to Cycle 6. A link will be provided at least two weeks in advance.

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## Outdoor Education:

Camps are an essential element of our Montessori Program. We want students to build their independence, explore and be able to tackle unfamiliar situations together.

This year we have:

Cycle 3 to Camp Rumbug	3 days for Years 4 + 5 (cabins) 5 days for Year 6 (cabins)	20 – 22 May 20 – 24 May
Cycle 4 to Mt. Arapiles	5 days for Years 7 and 8 (tents)	16 – 19 April
Cycle 4 to Cathedral Ranges	2 days for Year 7 (tents) 3 days for Year 8 (tents)	18 – 19 Sept 18 – 20 Sept
Cycle 5 City Experience	4 days (day trips only)	16 – 19 April
Cycle 5 to Mitchell River Sea Kayaks	5 days for Years 9 and 10 (tents)	2 – 6 Sept
Cycle 6 to Cowes, Phillip Island	4 days for Years 11 and 12 (BnB)	16 – 19 April

## Clubs:

Students may wish to be involved in a club after school and we offer clubs each night of the school week. Clubs start at 3:30 pm and normally finish at 4:30 pm. You can see our clubs for 2024 using the link below. There is also a Homework Club every Wednesday evening – a great opportunity to get homework done or extend knowledge in a subject. Teachers are available to offer support. <https://parents.melbournemontessori.vic.edu.au/clubs/>

## Languages:

This year students can access a range of languages.

Years 4 to 6 students will spend an hour a week learning Italian or French.

Years 7 to 10 students can choose French, Mandarin or Italian.

Please note that specific experience in a language is required as a prerequisite for students to study a Language in Years 11 and 12 in the IB (International Baccalaureate).

## Occupations:

We would like Cycles 4 and 5 students to preference their occupation for Semester 1. Students will be informed about their occupation in the first week of the year.

This year we are offering:

Horticulture

Coding and Robotics

Café

Content Creator (Semester 1) and Theatre Making (Semester 2)

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## ManageBac Logins for students 7 – 12:

If there are any challenges with logging in to ManageBac or in viewing classes, it is best for your child to see their advisor. Classes will be created by the first week of school.

Managebac how to:

<https://parents.melbournemontessori.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/ManageBac-Guide-for-Parents.pdf>

## Parent Portal (for students 4 – 6):

<https://parents.mms.vic.edu.au/>

## Forms:

### Activity Permission and Medical

If you would like to find notes that have been sent to parents regarding camps, excursions etc, please use this link. <https://parents.melbournemontessori.vic.edu.au/permissions/>

All activity forms should be sent to [the](#) advisor or classroom teacher unless stated. It will then be forwarded to the teacher in charge of the event with a record also kept at the office.

## Parent Handbook and Student Handbook:

There is a lot more information on our website and in our handbooks for students and parents. We have included our parent and student handbooks that outline the expectations of our school.

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

Thank you for your support of this great program and we look forward to seeing you at MMS in 2024.

Warm regards,

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