

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Senior & Junior Student Leaders 2022



On March 11 2022, Moree Secondary College held its first whole school assembly with community members being able to attend to celebrate our new AECG, SRC, House Captains and School Leaders for 2022. Above are our Senior & Junior Student Leaders for 2022, Left to Right Lucy Carter, Hannah Bowerman, Sophie Grasnick & Millie Hobday—Senior Campus. Talara Munro, Mackenzie Cubis, Ruby Humphries & Riley O'Neill are our Junior Campus leaders.

*We acknowledge the Traditional owners and custodians of Australia's lands, peoples and waterways
We respectfully acknowledge those that have gone before us*

English Faculty News

Welcome to our new staff that have joined the English faculty in 2022, Mr Kye Abrahams, Mrs Kathy Gruenfeld and Ms Anthea Boyle.



While Mrs Auld is away on maternity leave with the latest addition to the Auld family, Mr Auld is relieving as the Head Teacher

English across Moree Secondary College. If you have any questions regarding English, he can be reached on either campus. Looking forward to a great year of fun in our English classrooms.

Currently our students across 7-12 are studying a wide range of texts and aspects of our English curriculum.

Year 7 have already completed a unit of work on the tools of Poetry and are learning the elements of Drama in class with students engaging in a wide range of drama-based activities, Year 7 have loved the variety of movement and voice exercises.

Year 8 are currently undertaking an in-depth Novel study with a range of novels being chosen throughout the classes. Students learn how to read novels for deeper meaning and how composers can influence us as audiences. Year 8 have made some great connections in their learning.

Year 9 are also undertaking an in-depth Novel study with more complex novels for analysis. Students are looking at the purpose of the composers' actions and how we as readers can be positioned to feel certain ways using literary techniques.

Year 10 have been busy studying the conventions of fairy tales and how fairy tales have been adapted and appropriated over time, from their original publications to narratives that cater to a younger audience. They've been amazed to see some of the gruesome and gothic origins our well-known fairy tales and some of the more macabre morals and symbology in these "children's stories".

Year 11 have been getting their first taste of Stage 6 English across the range of

courses on offer. English Studies have looked at the role English plays today and the way we use English every day and the way we are exposed, persuaded and manipulated through English in our everyday life.

Year 11 Standard and Advanced are undertaking a study in *Reading to Write*. This course allows students to understand the nuances within the different text types they will need to create within the scope of the HSC examination.

Year 11 Extension are studying their Year 11 course, *Texts, Culture and Values*. Through this course we analyse a classic text and the influence that text has had on modern texts and composers. Students are currently reading Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, which establishes the vampire mythology which has influenced several modern adaptations in both novels and films.

Year 12 Studies *On the Road*- Students are developing their understanding of how English can be used to enhance their lives through travelling the world. Through their studies, they can see the role English plays in communicating information and can strengthen their ability to comprehend the large flow of information accessible when planning to travel abroad.

Year 12 Standard- Students are developing the understanding of the way language is used to represent our identity and culture. Through a textual analysis of the film *The Castle*, students can comprehend how who we are as individuals and groups can be communicated through our language choices.

Year 12 Advanced- Students are studying how conversations between texts and

authors can occur using appropriation, adaptation and allusion. Students are analysing the conversations that occur between Atwood's *Hag-Seed* and William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Years 10 and 11 students working hard in English classes this week.



MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION (AMC)

When: Term 3 Week 3

Entry closing dates: 17 June 2022

The AMC is an engaging 30 problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives. It is open to all students from Year 7 to Year 12. Australia's leading educators and academics, with a deep understanding of our national curriculum standards, actively design the unique AMC problems each year. The Mathematics faculty coordinates the AMC at Moree Secondary College. Students are encouraged to register for this nationally recognised Mathematics event. Interested students should see Mr Anyango or their Mathematics teacher.

CALCULATORS

Apart from other equipment required in Mathematics, it is vital that each student has a calculator with them each lesson to give themselves the best chance to complete the class work which is set and to allow for efficient revision of topics previously covered. Every student is encouraged to have a personal calculator that they can take home for use when completing assessment tasks or revision. Year 7 students do not routinely use calculators in class, but occasionally there are some calculator techniques and applications that they are taught in class.

Calculators are available for purchase from school at both campuses, currently at a cost of \$20. Students/parents/carers having trouble purchasing a calculator are encouraged to contact **Mr Francis**

Anyango to discuss assistance options available.

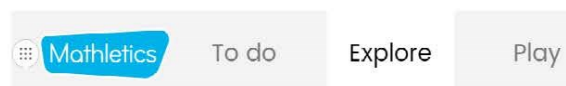
MATHLETICS

Mathletics is a powerful study and revision program for Mathematics. Studies have shown that students who regularly use Mathletics have an edge over those who do not use Mathletics when it comes to assessments such as NAPLAN. The developers of Mathletics continually improve it and add resources to it.

All students Year 7 to Year 10 students at Moree Secondary College have access to Mathletics and use the program at any time if there is Internet connection, both at home and at school. It is also available as an App that students can download on their mobile devices. The App version can also be used without Internet connection for a period of time once it is updated on the Internet. Parents and caregivers are asked to encourage their children to be using this wonderful resource.

Below is a snippet of what students would see at the top of their page when they log on to the program. It has three main tabs – “To do”, “Explore” and “Play”.

When a classroom teacher assigns work for students, it will appear in the “to do” tab. The “Explore” tab is where course content is located. At MSC, the course content on Mathletics aligns with what students are doing in class according to the NSW curriculum.



Under the “Explore” tab, there are two sub-tabs as shown below:

Explore all available tasks here

Quests

Activities

Under “Quests”, students can complete activities of their choice from the various topics they do in class. Under “Activities”, all the topics that students do in class will be listed, and students can choose which topic they want to revise.

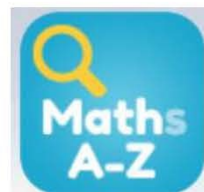
The “Play” tab contains a number of mathematics games. Very popular among these is Live Mathletics. Here, students can compete online, at a level of their choice. Students have the option of competing with other students from their own class, or their own year-group, or their own school, or anywhere in the world.



Another game option is Multiverse, which is an adventurous multiplication game to assist students in building their multiplication skills.

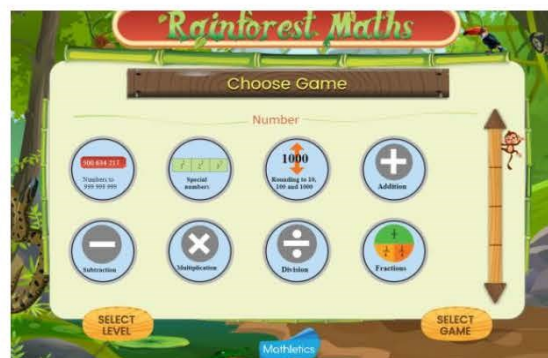


An important feature of the Mathletics program is the Maths A – Z.



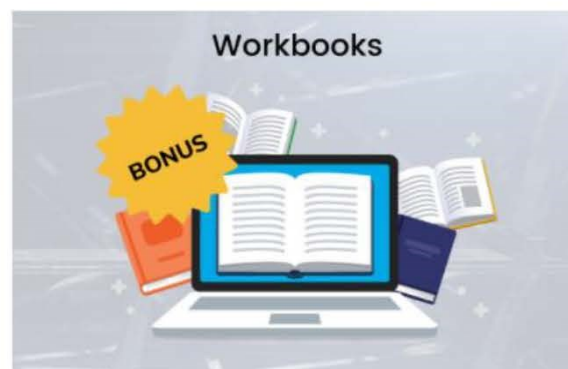
This is like an illustrated Mathematics dictionary where students can search any Mathematics terms or phrase that they want to know more about. Mathletics explains it very well, with illustrations.

Also in-built in Mathletics is the famous Rainforest Maths games.



Rainforest Maths is useful for basic skills drills. Students can choose their level based on their ability and then choose a game they want to play.

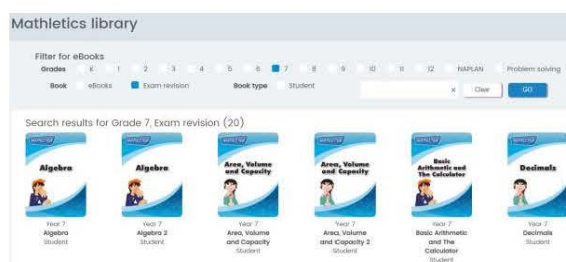
There are also excellent resources in the Mathletics program. These are contained in the Workbooks section.



The Workbooks section contains learning material that explain concepts, followed by activities and exercises for students to complete. These are downloadable. Students can filter the resources according to their Year level, and according to the type of resource they want.

The picture below shows six out of twenty examination revision booklets, by topic areas, that have been filtered for Year 7.

Importantly, students score points for each activity they compete on Mathletics. These points go towards the MSC positive reward system and earn students merits and commendations. Every 1000 points earned in one week attracts a commendation certificate.



ASSESSMENTS

Students in Years 7 to 11 have completed their first set of assessment tasks for 2022. These have been written examinations that have been done in class. Students who

YEAR 12 NUMERACY

Year 12 Numeracy students have been learning about space, design and location. They have looked at street libraries, learning how to do scale drawings and starting to make their own unique designs.

Below is a sample of what the Numeracy students are working on.



Sporting News

Congratulations to our swimmers, Paige Bowerman, Tamzin Taunton, Jesse James and Jasper Taunton who represented MSC at the North West Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale on Tuesday March 1st. Our students swam with pride and grit. Congratulations Tamzin and Jesse who qualified for State.



A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several netball players in mid-air, reaching their hands towards a basketball hoop. The players are wearing orange and grey uniforms. The background is a bright, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent purple rectangle in the upper half of the image.

MOREE DISTRICT NETBALL CLUB REGO/GRADING DAY 2022

WHERE: MOREE NETBALL COURTS

WHEN: SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 9AM - 11AM

A GRADE (YEAR 7-10) - 9 - 9.45AM

B GRADE (YEAR 5 & 6) - 9.45 - 10.30AM

C GRADE (YEAR 3 & 4) - 10.30 - 11AM

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE 29TH APRIL

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