

BY THE STUDENTS

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Principal's Report

Respect Effort Responsibility

School Vision: Every student will be supported through high quality teaching and learning practices in achieving successful outcomes and a pathway of their choice.

Strive for Success - Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

I hope this report finds everyone well and relaxed. As always, there is plenty happening around the school for all our students to get involved in and be proud of.

ANZAC Day Assembly

On Tuesday, the 27th April, we held our first whole school assembly in over a year and the timing worked brilliantly as it coincided with ANZAC day commemorations.

Our students are to be commended, not only for their attention and respect for the occasion, but for the way they were able to enter and exit the gym, find their assigned area and stay focussed throughout. Those things may seem simple but with two thirds of our students not really having experienced an assembly it was great to see them get it done so well on the first try. Credit also goes to our School Captains, James Garnham and Jessica Ly, on their efforts in organising the assembly.

TMHFA

The Teen Mental Health First Aid Program is one we have run for a number of years and helps all our Yr 10 students to "recognise when a friend is experiencing major changes in their thinking, feeling and behaviour, and when these changes may indicate the presence of a mental health problem."

It's a major part of our student wellbeing program and benefits all our students at a key time in their development.

Student Attitude to School Survey

The annual AtoSS is currently being conducted (17 May to 4 June). It gives students to have a great opportunity to tell us how the school is catering for them and what they want to see change in the future.

The information we get back helps to define the AIP each year and we are looking forward to seeing what the students say this year as we have returned to "normal."

Principal's Report

GAT Preparations and Exams

Any student studying a Unit 3/4 course this year is required to sit the General Achievement Test on the 9 June. The GAT is the first taste for students of externally set and marked exams so it is a slightly foreign context for them.

To help students we have already done or will do:

- GAT intro assembly
- GAT Rules and regulations assembly
- GAT trial guestions and feedback on results.

This all helps to decrease student anxiety and nervousness in the lead up to exams.

Speaking of exams, the end of Semester 1 is rapidly approaching with Week 7 and 8 catering for revision and exams respectively. I wish all the students well in their preparations.

Honours Board

We are in the process of updating our Honours Board in the Foyer of the school to recognise our top achievers from 2019 and 2020 as well as a couple of familiar names onto the School Council list.

IDAHOBIT Day

IDAHOBIT Day – International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia, which celebrates LGBTQIA+ people globally was celebrated on May 17 and our student leaders did an awesome job of leading the celebrations.

Rainbow accessories, crafts and a screening of She-Ra (remember "Masters of the Universe"?) were all enjoyable student led activities aimed at raising awareness.

Kind Regards,

Shaun Sleep Assistant Principal

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Fees & Other Reminders

Dear Parents/Guardians

Last term, information was posted to parents regarding school fees. A school statement was included. If you have not received this, please contact the office. The school statement reflects all charges and payments received and any outstanding balance for your child/children.

If you have any questions or require assistance please contact Marta (accounts receivable) or Siddharth Sheopuri (business manager) on 9395 9271, or email the school at point.cook.senior.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Payments can be made via Compass, BPay, Centrepay deduction, in person at the school reception, over the phone or bank transfer.

School fees must be paid in full by the <u>25th June 2021 (end of Term 2)</u>. You can set up a payment plan through Compass or by calling the school office on 9395 9271.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All students are required to bring their own device to school (tablet or laptop). This is required for digital programs used at school and home.
- Year 10 students the digital bundle is compulsory and replaces textbooks. If you haven't purchased it yet you
 must log onto the <u>Campion website</u> and do so, using the code "55P6"
- Edrolo is a digital program in place of textbooks and is compulsory for students completing Year 11 & 12. Students will use this program to complete school work, both in class and at home. If you missed purchasing the Edrolo Program from Campion, you can purchase and pay for it directly through the school.
- "Attend today, achieve tomorrow" It is not ok to be away.
 - Students need to attend 90% to have a satisfactory pass. Attendance is important and the school encourages students to attend classes daily to make the most of their educational opportunities. If a student is absent from school for just one day a fortnight, it adds up to 20 days in a school year. There are approximately 40 weeks in a school year so 20 absent days is the same as missing a tenth of a school year.
- If your child is going to be absent, there are several ways to notify the school. This can be done via Compass, email on point.cook.senior.sc@education.vic.gov.au or by phoning the school and speaking to the Student Attendance Officer on 9395 9271 (Option 1).
- Please check Compass on a regular basis. This is where you will find valuable information including your child's Reports, student progress, newsletter and notifications regarding Parent teacher interviews and events.
 If you don't have your parent Compass login please contact the school office.
- Excursion information is posted on Compass and must be paid and consented before the cut-off date. If you
 prefer to pay at the office please print the consent form from Compass and hand it into the office. If you have
 CSEF please contact the office so payment can be adjusted.

SWPBS Tally Update

The Year Level Tally of SWPBs Points

3rd Place	2nd Place	1st Place
Year 12	Year 11	Year 10
964 points	1274 points	1284 points

The House Tally of SWPBs Points

4th Place	1st Place	3rd Place	2nd Place
Demons	Dragons	Iroquois	Sabres
781 points	956 points	843 points	945 points

Have you seen the new items in the SWPBS cabinet in Student Reception? Check your points total on Compass and redeem the item that appeals to you!











Recycling Reward Program

Point Cook Senior S.C is privileged to be eligible to participate in the Wonder Recycling Rewards Program!

Wonder Recycling Rewards is a fun and easy program that's been created for Aussie schools to collect bread bags. Learn more about the program in this video. Once collected, Wonder are going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment! All registered schools can earn rewards points to spend on new sports equipment, simply by collecting bread bags and sending them back to Wonder.

PLUS registered schools will go into the draw to **WIN one of five exercise circuits** made from the recycled plastic that's collected.

Start keeping your bread bags today, and keep an eye out in the LRC for the collection container – add your empty bread bags to the collection container. The more bread bags we donate, the more points we receive to use to redeem sports equipment for our school!

- Ms D'Lima

Message From The SRC



On behalf of the Student Representative Council (SRC), we would like to welcome back all the students to a new school term, after the wonderful start to the year in Term 1.

As we progress further into Term 2, we would like to encourage students to attend and participate in SRC meetings, which are held every Wednesday in Room 603 during lunch. It would be great to see many students attend in order to assist the development of the school community.

Some of the upcoming events for this term include:

- Education Week (Week 6)
- Casual Dress Day (Friday the 28th of May)
- Year 10 and 11 Revision Week (Week 7)
- Gratitude Week (Week 7)
- Year 10 and 11 Exam Week (Week 8)

Should you have any ideas or suggestions of events for the school please do not hesitate to join us at our SRC meetings. We wish all students the best of luck with your upcoming exams!

- Crystal Brooking

Year 10 Captain

Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day

On Monday the 17th of May, Point Cook Senior celebrated IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia).

It was lovely to see a splash of rainbow across the school as students and staff alike added in rainbow accessories to their wardrobes for the day, showing their support for the LGBTQ+ community.

A viewing of She-Ra was held in the theatre along with bracelet making stalls, both of which proved to be popular among the students who were busy making all sorts of designs.

A big thank you to Miss Doh and our student leaders for putting the day's activities together!

- Izzy King, 11S







Senior Boys Soccer



The team had a wonderful day enjoying the sunshine and a perfect day for soccer. We had two teams in the competition and were set for a great competitive day.

There was some very tough opposition for both teams and although we didn't come away with the division championship, we played some great football. Well done for those Year 12 students in their last year of school sport, and good luck for the Year 11 students next year.

Some of the outstanding performers for the day were Bruno Ngo, Metua Porima, Kaneindrra Kunalan, and Daniel Quinn. Well done and thanks for a wonderful day.

- Suzie Letzing and Jeanette Knezevic

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Alumni News

PAST STUDENTS COME BACK TO SUPPORT YEAR 11S

The school welcomed back 12 former students earlier this term to be part of the Year 11 Jobs and Careers Expo.

More than 250 Year 11 students heard from alumni who had been in their shoes not that long ago, and were now establishing successful careers in sectors ranging from Construction to Trauma Nursing, from Urban Planning to Accountancy.

After an introductory plenary session, students broke off into separate groups to hear from alumni in careers in which they had an interest.

Careers teacher Mary Dimech-Hill said the school was thrilled so many alumni had come back for the event.

"Students relate so much more to past students who grew up in the same neighbourhood and may have had some of the same teachers," Ms Dimech-Hill said.

Alumni input was more important than ever, she said, because last year students had missed out on work experience.

"Students can hear first-hand about how the alumni got to where they are, what they are achieving today, and what they've taken away from their school days," she added.

Mr Mooney said past students served as powerful role models. "Their experiences can be really inspiring, and can have a powerful impact on students' goals and aspirations."

Ourschool Alumni coordinator, Ms Whitmore, said a similar Year 10 Careers Expo was planned for later in the term, as were other alumni events later in the year, such as VCAL Pathways, Work Experience preparation and LinkedIn Masterclasses.

"Alumni are also able to come into the classroom to complement the teachers' work by showing how the skills they acquired at school are applied in their day-to-day working life," Ms Whitmore said.



From left, past students at the Careers Expo: Adriana Ridzwan (Public Health), Emily Hynes (Community Work),
Ruch Bandaranayaka (Construction), Jennifer Bou (Accountancy), Ashyran Ahmad (Electrical Engineering), Renee Relampagos
(Urban Planning), Ivy Sisourath (Fraud Investigation), Thomas Smith (AFL statistics), Kirsty Baker (Nursing), Colten Harvey
(Recruitment) and Naka Makovic (Law). Sarah Plant (Teaching) was present, but not pictured.

Yr 12 Uni Open Day

A group of Yr 12 International students attended the Career Expo for International students on Friday, 7th of May. This education expo event is specifically designed for Year 12 international students who are currently studying in Victorian high schools to assist them with their future pathway.

On the day, the Point Cook Senior International students met representatives from different universities and TAFE and received International students related information resources.

It was great to see how all the students were very proactive and interested in obtaining information!





- Olga Verbitckaia International Student Coordinator

Yr 12 Job Camp Incursion

On the 11th and 12th of May, Year 12 Senior VCAL students were presented with the opportunity to learn the skills needed for Responsibly Handling of Alcohol and Coffee Making. The presenters who came into our school were friendly, educational and passionate about what they were teaching, making it a pleasant and enjoyable experience.

We were shown informative videos and slideshows as well as a booklet to read along, we were provided with a hands on learning experience making different types of coffees. Not only were we able to take these skills away with us to implement into our daily lives, to get a job or improve our knowledge, we were able to give the presenters a chance to do what they love. Overall, this experience was really beneficial and rewarding for our skill development and placed an emphasis on what VCAL students can achieve.

- Shakayla







Yr 12 WRS Excursion

Queen Victoria Market experience on the 23rd of April was an insightful way for the Year 12 VCAL students to further their understanding regarding occupational health and safety in workplace environments.

The day required students to coordinate their own way into the city and meet teachers at a chosen location ready to investigate potential risks and hazards in the Queen Victoria market.

A worksheet was handed out for students to complete an audit of the environment as well as experience the Queen Victoria Market stalls and have the opportunity to purchase anything of interest. The students captured photos of stalls and construction sites that depicted potential hazards as well as discovering the history of the market.





Upon completion, the students were dismissed from the city and we had the opportunity to spend quality time with their fellow peers, they grabbed a bite to eat and participated in several activities based around the city. Overall the students enjoyed themselves and took away educational points that can be applied to our WRS studies. Thanks Mary Dimech-Hill and Mr. Russo for facilitating the excursion.

- Harry Mayes, Year 12





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Rubicon Valley Camp

At the end of Term 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students attended a camp in the Rubicon Valley. They bushwalked, rafted on the Goulburn and Mt. Biked in the valley. Student's learnt about the history of the area and it's variety of uses.

Here is a reflective piece written by one of the students in relation to their rafting experience:

"I drift into a state of lull, the water as still as my mind as I absorb the sounds of life around me. The whispering chirps of birds, the murmurs of the tree leaves and the faint bark of shepherding dogs.

Not only do I hear nature I feel it.

The sun coats me with its warm blanket of rays, only to be interrupted by the frequent effective shade of the gum trees high above.

I flow through not only the water but through life, all the unnatural; the raft, the oars, my fellow rafters ease to the very back of my mind as the earth's environment takes centre stage to the attention of my senses.

My feet freezing but my face warm, the cows grazing but my mouth silent, the boat moving but my mind still. A tap on my shoulder as I return to my body, my instructor lightly informs me of not only what is around us but how it comes to be, from the fish to the plants and trees.

I shed off my surface level understanding of vegetation in place of a richer and deeply connected understanding of ecology. It is the only experience you could get in an outdoor education class, for not only do you learn of nature, but because you learn, you experience nature tenfold."







- Mr Crothers

Yr 11 WRS Excursion

Last term, Mrs Armstrong's and Ms Rosser's Year 11WRS classes went on an excursion to the city to complete Learning Outcome 2.4; 'Prepare for and conduct a thorough OHS risk assessment of the selected workplace' and Learning Outcome 2.5; 'Interpret and evaluate the findings of the OHS risk assessment and make possible suggestions for improvement.'

To start the day, we all met at the clocks underneath Flinders street station and then made our way down to RMIT, however, we were not allowed in due to COVID restrictions. With some quick thinking from our teachers we were asked to split up into 6 groups with half being sent to the Victorian State Library while the others were sent to Melbourne Central to conduct their OHS audit. The OHS audit that we had to complete involved visually inspecting areas and objects within the Library or Melbourne Central, looking for things such as the floors, ceiling and doorways, electrical aspects such as if the switchboard looking to see if it is locked or if any of the electrical ports are damaged, the first aid facilities, exit signage and fire extinguishers. Once we completed the audit, we had to work out how we could correct or eliminate any hazards.

For our second task we were assigned to go around either Swanston Street or the Bourke Street Mall, and we had to take selfies with all of the safety signs we could find. A challenge set for us was to have a picture with someone wearing PPE gear, which required us to use our communication skills. At the end of the day we met up at Federation Square for a final group photo and then we were dismissed to find our way back home on the train.







Ms Rosser

Yr 11 PDS



Year 11 VCAL PDS students are currently studying biodiversity. These students have been investigating different habitats in our local area, making comparisons between the different species and terrains found in each area.

Students visited the Cheetham Creek Wetlands this morning, which was an invaluable experience where students were able to observe many different bird and plant species. Students then compared these observations to habitats they had observed at school.

- Ms Fisher





Yr 11 VCAL Update

Our Year 11 VCAL students this term have been working on our Government funded project for 2021. Planning and constructing our Indigenous Habitat Garden Project.

Students have been learning about the importance of Biodiversity and understanding of Climate Change in their Personal Development Skills classes this term. Our students completed a professional garden design drawing, sharing their ideas and aspirations of what this years garden project will look like in conjunction with our hired landscaper.

Our school is very excited to announce that Bunnings Victoria donated \$1200 worth of gardening equipment to our school to help with our project this term.

The donation included

- 6 wheelbarrows
- 6 shovels
- 6 Garden rakes
- 6 pitch forks
- 6 garden bins

Our students constructed the wheelbarrows and have started the build of this years project recently, be sure to check it out!

- Mr Noonan



Yr 11 Team Building

Mrs Armstrong and Ms Rosser have also been getting us to work on our communication skills. We were in the gym and asked to work with a partner. One of the partners were blindfolded, while the other partner had to direct the blindfolded partner through various tasks/courses around the gym such as shooting hoops, pushing hockey pucks through cones, hurdles, bean bag toss and ring toss.

Overall this task allowed us to improve our communication skills in a 'fun' way.









Yr 10 Values For Life

On Friday 14th May, Year 10 students started their day with a Drug & Alcohol awareness presentation from Values for Life. Tim from Values for Life has been a regular visitor to our school providing many different programs to our students. He's been here that many times over the years, that Mr Ellem (a former PCSSC student & Year 10 advisory teacher) remembered the time that he presented in 2014.

Tim's aim is to empower students, providing learning outcomes that engender pro-social values, empathy and resilience through a lively combination of information and interaction.

The Drugs & Alcohol workshop discussed the effects that drugs and alcohol have on society - how it impacts us (the individual & community) and how to make healthy choices when it comes to this issue.



Through a variety of interactive activities, games, discussion, stories, and multimedia, the workshop explored why people use drugs, the effects on the human body and brain, peer pressure, the addictive nature of some drugs and resilient factors for young people (including community, delaying gratification and having goals in life).

Some of the topics raised were: why people use (and abuse) drugs and alcohol, the science of how drugs effect the human body, the impact of alcohol on the teenage brain, the addiction cycle – how it begins and the long-term effects, the difference between legal and illegal drugs, the importance of making positive and healthy life choices, the impact of peer influence – how the need for belonging drives us, how choices have short-term and long-term consequences, promotion of resilient factors including healthy community and the need for purpose, goals and direction.

Well done to the Year 10's for demonstrating our school values of respect, effort & responsibility throughout the 100 minutes. You were all engaged, listening and showed great maturity.

Well done.

- Mr Flannery Assistant Principal MAY 2021

Body Positivity and Wellbeing

Point Cook Senior Secondary College presents



Love yourself

YEAR 10 CAEP PROJECT BY:

GANIOU ANDREW HURSHIL IESSICA Body image is your perception of your physical appearance and how it compares to social norms. Unrealistic perceptions of how the body should look can result from a negative body image, which can lead to harmful habits such as disordered eating.

You gain self-confidence and self-worth as a result of loving yourself, and you feel more optimistic in general. You can feel happier and take better care of yourself if you ever learn to love yourself.

BREAKFAS everyone is welcome - C

Our Breakfast Program has been supporting students in need for 10 years now!

> Not only does our program provide students with a fulfilling breakfast to start their day with, but it also improves student wellbeing, supporting their outcomes.

> > Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a free breakfast and a carefree environment to start their school day.





Join us and build positive relationships with staff and students!

When? Fridays 8:00am-8:30am

REMINDERS

KEY DATES SEMESTER 1

24 May Hobsons Bay Division Cross Country

25 May Courage to Care Incursion Year 11 and Year 12

27 May Hobsons Bay Division Boys Netball & Girls AFL

31 May GAT Assembly

31 May - 04 Jun Year 10 Revision Week

31 May - 04 Jun Year 11 Revision Week

03 Jun Year 11 Alumni Presentations

07 - 11 Jun Year 10 Exam Week

07 - 11 Jun Year 11 Exam Week

09 Jun The GAT

14 Jun Queen Birthday

15 Jun Assessment/Moderation Day

15 Jun Student Free Day

17 Jun Western Metro Cross Country

22 Jun Senior Winter 2 Interschool Sport

25 Jun Year 12 English Orals Day - No Year 12

VCE Classes Running

25 Jun Term 2 Ends

Please note that due to COVID-19, these dates may change. We ask that you stay updated through Compass reminders.

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REMINDERS

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Student attendance information is available on Compass, including the option to approve absences and input requests to leave early for an appointment.

Late Arrival To School

Students are requested to use the Compass card to sign in at the Compass Kiosk at the front of the school.

Students who do not have cards can report to the attendance office.

Early Leave

Parent approval is required for any student requesting to leave early.

This can be done either by having parents enter approval on Compass or contacting the attendance office.

Students are required to provide a medical certificate when absent from a VCE class or assessment

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Majority of our communication with parents at PCSSC are made through the Compass Parent Portal.

All parents have a portal account that provides access to:

- reports
- · attendance information
- absence requests and approvals
- school photo ordering, teacher email contact
- booking for parent-teacher interviews
- calendar of events
- excursion consent/permissions and
- news items to keep you updated with what is going on.

If you are a CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) recipient, please contact the school before consenting to any event so that we can adjust the costing.

To access your account:

1. go to the College's homepage: www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au

2. click on the Compass Portal icon.

OR directly go to Compass login: pointcooksenior-vic.compass.education/

If you are having trouble accessing your account,

click on the "Can't access your account" and follow the prompts to access it using your username, email address or mobile number.

If you need guidance on how to navigate the Compass Portal,

please contact the school or see the 'Compass Help' page on the school website.



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Community health centres

Information, referral, counselling and support groups

9377 7100 cohealth cohealth.org.au (North/West/CBD)

5367 2000 Dierriwarrh Health (Bacchus Marsh, Melton dihs.org.au Caroline Springs)

IPC Health 9296 1200 ipchealth.com.au (Brimbank, Wyndham, Hobsons Bay)

Income support

Ring Centrelink on 136 150 and ask for an appointment with a social worker

Emergency accommodation

Crisis Contact Centre 1800 627 727

Yarra Community

1800 825 955 Housing

Melbourne Youth Support 9614 3688

Support for victims/survivors of sexual assault

WestCASA 9687 5811 CASA House 9635 3610 Victims of Crime 1800 819 817

Support for men who want to change their behaviour

Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491 MensLine Australia 1300 789 978 LifeWorks 1300 543 396

Other useful services

WIRE 1300 134 130 Kids HelpLine 1800 551 800 Parentline 13 22 89 Relationships Australia 8311 9222



Women's Health West

P 9689 9588 E info@whwest.org.au W www.whwest.org.au Current as at July 2016

Life without family violence



English

If you need an interpreter

First ring the Telephone Interpreter Service 13 14 50 (24 hours)

24 HOUR EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE - 000

SAFE STEPS FAMILY VIOLENCE RESPONSE CENTRE

1800 015 188

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS AND COUNSELLING LINE 1800 806 292

These services may be able to help you

Family violence support services

Women's Health West provides information, counselling, crisis and court support for women and children affected by family violence P: 9689 9588

W: whwest.org.au

inTouch Multicultural Centre Against

Family Violence supports women from diverse backgrounds who are experiencing family violence P: 1800 755 988

W: intouch.asn.au

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal

Women's Services provides support for Aboriginal women in relation to family violence P: 9482 5744 W: emhaws.org.au

Community legal services

communitylaw.org.au

Brimbank	8312 2000
Flemington/Kensington	9376 4355
Footscray	9689 8444
Melbourne	9328 1885
Melton	9747 5240
Moonee Valley	9376 7929
Werribee	9749 7720

Magistrates courts

Broadmeadows	9221 8900
Melbourne	9628 7777
Sunshine	9300 6200
Werribee	9974 9300

Other legal services

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal

Service 1800 105 303 Women's Legal Service 8622 0600

1800 681 614 Court Network

RE-CYCLE YOUR CYCLE



Bicycle Donations Needed

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD, UNWANTED BICYCLE YOU NO LONGER NEED OR USE?

Preserve the environment and donate it to the West Metro Community Work Team's Fix the Cycle Program!

In the program young offenders are taught to repair, refurbish and overhaul old and disused bikes.
Once completed, the bicycles are donated to community members who most benefit from a sustainable method of free private transport, such as teenagers coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and refugee families who are newly settled in Australia.

For donations contact the CW Team on: 1300 389 518

Westmetro.communitywork @justice.vic.gov.au





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your name and postcode to

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^{*} many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.