

# **TERM 2 Newsletter** MADE FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE STUDENTS

# 3rd Edition 27th May 2022

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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

It has been a very busy first five weeks of term two with lots of student activities happening and our School Review. Term two has started smoothly, the students have settled back into a normal routine and the staff are pleased to be getting into the rhythm of teaching onsite. I still have concerns about the long-term effects on student's academic progress and wellbeing as a result of the last two years pandemic restrictions, however we have put a range of supports into place that, to date, have enable us to help those students that need it. Our MYLN's, Tutor and Wellbeing Teams are doing incredible work in this space and I applaud their outstanding efforts.

The new 2022 School council met for the first time on Thursday 19 May and I would like to thank all our parent, student and staff representatives for there time and effort, the school council is an essential and important part of the college organisation and is essential for the functioning of our financial, policy and buildings and grounds processes. The new School council President is Anthony Rhook, the Deputy President is Ian Muir and the Treasurer is Nicole Rosen.

We began the 2022 PCSSC School Review to assess our progress against the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan on Tuesday 10 May when the Review Panel Fiona McKenzie (Reviewer) Simon Haber (Challenge Partner, Principal Tarneit Senior SC) Danijel Banovic (Challenge Partner Acting Principal Homestead Senior SC) and Judy Maguire (SEIL) met with myself, our Assistant Principals, Shaun & Kate and Our School Council President Anthony Rhook to validate the PCSSC Pre Review Self Evaluation. The Reviewer discussed with us and met with staff and students to determine whether our self- evaluation was an honest assessment of our work against the School Strategic Plan over the last four years. At the end of the day Fiona gave us the impression that we had completed a very successful evaluation of our four-year journey, but we will have to wait for the written report to have that confirmed.

The two Field Days that had been scheduled for Monday 16 May and Tuesday 17 May had to be cancelled due to Fiona falling ill and were rescheduled for Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 May.

The Final Review Day will be held on Wednesday 1 June and we will get a report from the Reviewer within the next 30 days which will inform us of how we have gone from the panels perspective and guide us in which direction we will go over the next four years in our new Strategic Plan.

I would like to thank those parents who volunteered to take part in the focus group discussions, you are all a very important part of our school community and your participation is highly valued.

# **Principal's Report**

There has been a wide range of wonderful engaging programs commenced this term for students across all year levels to support them in their return to an as "normal" routine as possible after the covid lockdowns and school closures these have included the Drumbeat sessions with our College Youth Worker Sunny Macleod every Tuesday, MAPPS on Youth Suicide prevention, Café Exchange sessions with our Engagement Counsellor Susan Camilleri-Cline which have produced some amazing aromas from the Food tech area, our Sudanese students are participating in a research project with Victoria University to support their community, and three of our students represented the college at the NRL Indigenous Round on Thursday night and held the Torres Strait Islander flag and Aboriginal flag during the opening ceremony. The college community also celebrated IDAHOBIT day The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia which is observed on May 17 and aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide.

On Friday 20 May we held our annual Athletics day and Big Day Out where students competed in all the usual track and field events as well as a range of alternative activities for those who didn't want to compete in the athletics. It was a colourful event with students wearing their house colours and the Year 12 students coming in fancy dress. Thank you to those students who assisted on the day with marshalling and event organisation. Congratulations to Demon House who were the 2022 winners, the Demon House collars are yellow.

And finally, congratulations to all students and staff at PCSSC for your work with School Wide Positive Behaviours. As a school we have been awarded a Blue Award for our progress and work with SWPB. The award allows us to use the banner, at the bottom of this column, on our website and in publications such as the Newsletter to celebrate our achievement. There is a student group working with a sign writer to have a banner made to hang in the college so there will be a permanent reminder of this wonderful achievement.

Christopher Mooney Principal



# Year 12 Senior VCAL

#### **EXCURSION: MELBOURNE TUNNELS & VICTORIA MARKET**

On the 13th of May, all Year 12 Senior VCAL students attended the Queen Victorian Market and the Melbourne Tunnels for an excursion to meet one of the outcomes in our Senior Work-Related Skills class. Students had to make their own way to the city teaching us about responsibility and improving our time management skills. The Melbourne Tunnels project provided a tour, discussed the costing of almost 15 billion dollars and provided an information session about the career opportunities and different train stations being built around Melbourne.

We then headed to the Victoria Market. Some students went and got lunch together and others went and bought a few things from the market as we had free time for a few hours. During this time, we had to fill out a worksheet which was based on the Vic Market, we had the choice to work on this task individually or in a group. The teachers gave us freedom as we were able to go and do what we wanted as long as we checked back in and completed the market investigation worksheet. We all got dismissed in the City and had to make our own way home, most students caught public transport with their friends, however we all had the option to get the train with the teachers if we felt like we needed the extra support. Overall, it was a really good experience and us Year 12's made the most of the day as we all knew this was one of our last excursions we will have as high school students.

#### Angelique (Gigi) Pitcher 12l







# Year 11 WRS

Today Mr.Noonan's Year 11 Work Related Skills VCAL class planted trees in the school grounds that was awarded to the school from a gardens awards grant received in 2021.

The \$1500 worth of Eucalyptus trees were bought from the Victorian Schools Garden Program Awards Grant that the school won last year for successful previous garden projects constructed!

It was very fulfilling having our new Year 11 VCAL students given the opportunity to be on the tools in the sunshine, working with each other planting our new trees. Leaving their mark and legacy in our developing school grounds.

More planting to do later this week, great work year 11's!

#### **Tom Noonan**









# VCAL Career Incursion

On the May 24 the Senior VCAL students had some guest speakers. We started with a former student Holly an Alumni student that graduated from PCSSC in 2018. Holly is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts/Law at Swinburne University and Mel to inform us of how to start up a Linked In account. It was a great opportunity for getting a job and creating an online resume or connecting with employers



We also heard from James and Ashley from Foresite Training to discuss traineeships in Civil Construction & Warehousing and Zoe from Brick & Block Careers. We learnt about many free course opportunities and apprenticeships. Thanks Senior WRS teachers





**Aluel Deng** 

# WRICA Careers/Employment Expo 2022



I liked seeing Monash University as they had lot of booklets and course outlines, RMIT were good too. There was a Design Studio that provided a link to a Fashion Show. I really enjoyed my afternoon. Thank You to the teachers and our Careers Teacher Mary Dimech-Hill for organising this excursion.

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On May 19 2022, Year 10 students attended the WRICA Careers Expo. It was a great excursion, it was so diverse with lots of information stalls from Universities, TAFE's and employers like Victoria Police and the army. There were so many opportunities to gather resources, ask questions and gather lots of useful freebies that drew us to the stands. I received a wireless charger, 2 stress balls, pens and a flask/water bottle. I went to many different information stan ds to ask questions and take notes. The army were great! They discussed how to complete University through the defence force and allowed students to try out their equipment. We went through their truck and some students tried on their heavy backpack while doing push ups.





# Alumni

What an experience our year 12 accounting class had last week. Our Alumni program partner OURSCHOOL organised an industry insight session at EY, formally known as Ernst and Young. EY is one of the largest professional services networks globally and has historically been aligned with accounting. More recently EY have expanded into markets adjacent to accounting, including strategy, operations, HR, technology, and financial services consulting.



The students were hosted at EY's headoffice in Melbourne CBD. The morning was broken up into a panel Q&A session were six state school Alumni were interviewed around topics of their school pathways, how they secured their current job & what a "normal" day at EY looks like. This was followed by a morning tea, which gave the students an opportunity to connect with the speakers in a more casual setting. To conclude the morning the students were assigned an EY employee to have a more intimate Q&A session with. Our speaker Tracey worked in the companies acquisition team. The students learnt a lot about the process of when companies "marry & divorce" as Tracey referred to it, making her job so relatable to our students.



At PCSSC we are incredibly proud of our Alumni program and look forward to bring more insight sessions like this to our students in the future.

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MELISSA PATSURIS Alumni Program Manager

# **Theatre Club**

"Recently Point Cook Senior has started up a Theatre Club, which is a very important thing to me and many other students. It's such a joy to be a part of a group of incredible people, with similar interests who want to see more opportunities for the performing arts here at the school.





"Through 'getting to know you' activities, learning improvisation skills, and being a part of a team, Theatre Club is rapidly growing and evolving. Every meeting during Tuesday lunchtime is a new, exciting challenge, constructed by Mr Karaoutsadis. So why not come on down, and join in on the magic of theatre!"

Aaron Sinclair, 111

# **600s Entertainment Area**

"The Picnic Tables for the 600s had arrived after 12 weeks of waiting. One of the tabletops has a chessboard mounted. The library will make a chess set available for students to borrow during recess and lunchtime. Students are welcome for their feedback.





# **Athletics Carnival**

"The 2022 Athletics Carnival took place at Moonee Valley Athletics Track, where students from Point Cook Senior competed in track and field events, along with several novelty event competitions run by House Captains from the SRC. Whether through active participation or through cheering on their fellow house competitors, all attending students were in high spirits and contributed to making the event fun for all attendees. The Year 12s took their traditional victory parade, dressed in a celebratory array of costumes and colours displaying house pride. Congratulations go to House Demons, achieving a convincing victory on the day, and a thank you goes out to all students and staff who participated in the events, showing effort in making the day a success, and to all attendees for showing respect and responsibility in keeping the grounds clean and safe for everyone to have fun."



**Ryan Phelan** 











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# **Senior Boys Baketball**

Today Mr.Noonan's Senior Boys basketball team finished second place in there VCC Basketball Tournament at Eagle Stadium in Werribee. Boys fought hard all day. Next tournament is in Term 3, great work!

Tom Noonan

# **Senior Girls Netball**

Netball team attended Altona Sports Centre to participate in the Hobson Bay division competition. Congratulations to these girls who won all 5 games, taking home the Premiers pennant and are onto the next round! **Chelsea Caines** 





# **MAIDOC Week**

"NAIDOC Week will be held from Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July this year! It is an opportunity for all of us to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! This encourages all of us to celebrate individuals who have already driven and led change in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, while encouraging us to champion institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative change! (Source: https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week)

\*Include NAIDOC Running Festival Flyer\* \*Include Essay writing Competition Entry Form on page 4\*

#### Essay writing competition Details:

If you would like to enter this competition, please visit Deb in the LRC to complete your entry form and hand in your essay by the 22nd OF JUNE. The judging of entries will be adjudicated by a panel including delegates from Koori Kids, community Elders and some council on the 1st of July. Winners will be announced Term 3. There are some awesome prices to be won, good luck students!!

#### Irma Jazvin Student Wellbeing Counsellor





# FREE **FUN RUN/WALK**

# Sunday July 3rd

# PRESIDENTS PARK WYNDHAM VALE

**10AM** 

# Join the Movement

Register Here: ysas.org.au/naidocrunningfestival



## **Event Organiser**







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# DATE: Sunday 3rd July TIME: 10am

# **PLACE: Presidents Park** 370 McGrath Rd Wyndham Vale 3024

**Alcohol Free Event** 

**Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony Traditional Dancers** 

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Free Catered Lunch **Free Face Painting** Wyndham Street Surfer

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Free Medal & **Running Singlet** stock is limited

Register Here: ysas.org.au/naidocrunningfestival



## **Event Organiser**







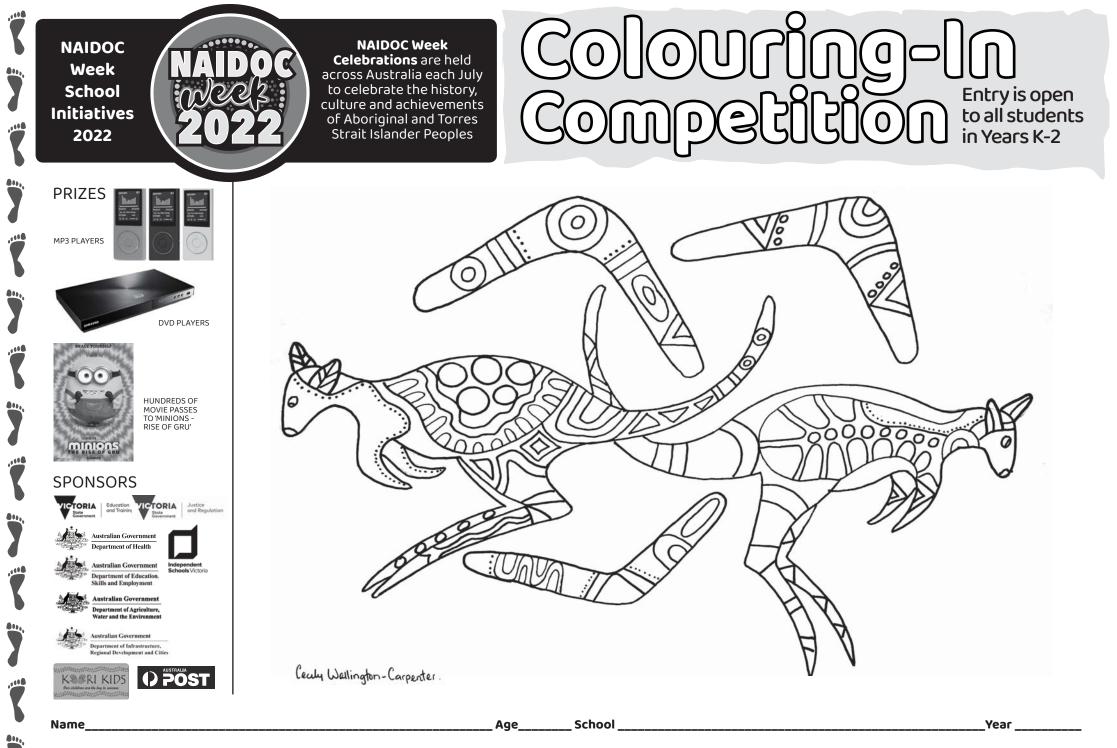
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# Entry is open to all students in Years 3-6

# Poen Writing Competition Write a Poem entitled 'Respecting Culture'

\*\*Entry must be typed and on A4 Paper. Entries will be judged on quality, meaning and creativity. Please ensure the name grade and class are clearly included on both your story and on the official NAIDOC School Initiatives entry form.

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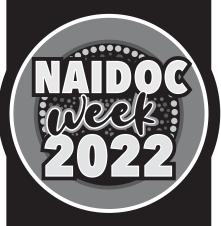
Jessica Mauboy Indigenous Recording Artist

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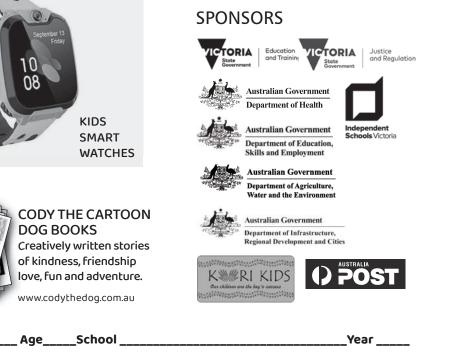
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# Entry is open to all students in Years 7-9

Design a poster for a NAIDOC event in your local community.

\* reference your local council, Aboriginal Land Council or organisation \*\*1000 words or less. Entry must be typed and on A4 paper. Please ensure name and grade are clearly included on both your work and on the official NAIDOC School Initiatives entry form.

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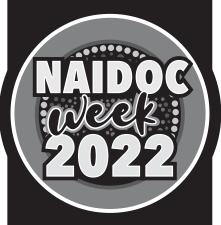
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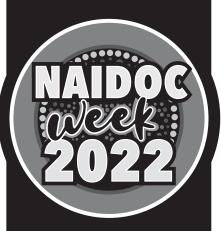
# Entry is open to all students in Years 10-12

Explain the diversity of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultures and their histories in Australia' Analysing issues associated with social justice, health reconciliation and disadvantage. (ie; justice and health).

Maximum words 1500

(entries will be judged on knowledge of subject and quality of essay) \*\*Please ensure name grade are clearly included on both your work and on the official NAIDOC School Initiatives entry form.

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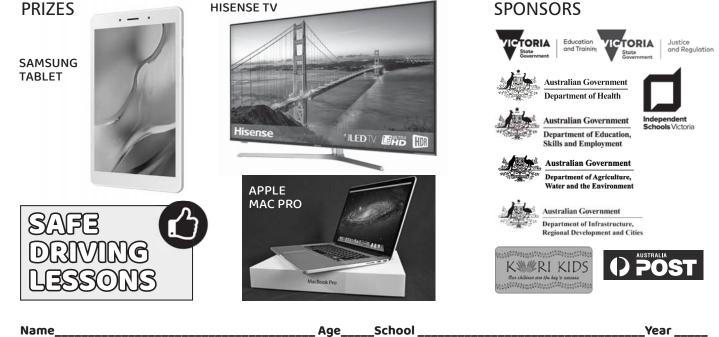


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# THE BREAKFAST everyone is welcome - CLUE

# Our Breakfast Program has been supporting students in need for 11 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**

- 30 May 3 Jun Year 10 Revision Week
  30 May 3 Jun Year 11 Revision Week
  03 Jun Alumni Presentations
  06 10 Jun Year 10 Exam Week
  06 10 Jun Year 11 Exam Week
  13 Jun Queen Birthday
  14 Jun Assessment /Moderation Day Student Free Day
  16 Jun WMR Cross Country
  24 Jun Year 12 English Oral Day No Year 12 Classes
  24 Jun Term 2 Ends
- 11 Jul Term 3 Commences
  15 Jul Winter 2 Sport Day Seniors
  20 Jul Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Information Evening
  20 Jul Year 11 into Year 12 Parent Information Evening
  21 Jul Advisory Program Day 2
  21 Jul Year 12 TIS Excursion Deakin University
  27 Jul Year 10 Course Counselling No Year 10 Classes
  29 Jul Year 11 into 11 Course Counselling Forms Due
  29 Jul Year 11 into 12 Course Counselling Forms Due

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1 Aug VTAC Applications Open
3 Aug Year 9 into 10 Open Night
4 Aug Year 12 VTAC Parent Information Night
9 Aug Winter 2 Inter-school Sport Intermediate
19 Aug Year 9 into 10 Course Counselling Forms Due
22 Aug Year 12 SEAS & Presentation
26 Aug STAMP Testing Saturday
31 Aug Hobson Bay Division Athletics Carnival
7 Sep GAT - No Classes for Unit 3 & 4 Students
12 - 16 Sep Year 12 Practice Exams
14 Sep Year 12 VTAC/SEAS Support Evidence Due
15 Sep WMR Athletics
15 Sep Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening
16 Sep Term 3 Ends

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



# **ATTENDANCE**

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

# **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

# **O** Compass

## 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

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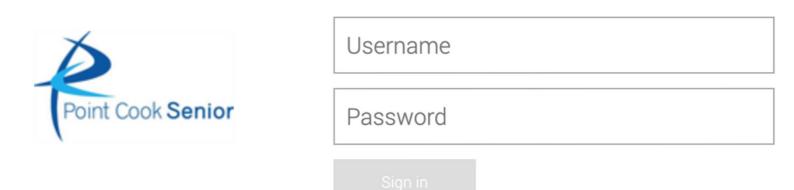
directly go to Compass login: https://pointcooksenior-vic.compass.education/

## 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.



#### **Community health centres**

Information, referral, counselling and support groups

cohealth	9377 7100
(North/West/CBD)	cohealth.org.au
Djerriwarrh Health (Bacchus Marsh, M Caroline Springs)	5367 2000 elton djhs.org.au
IPC Health	9296 1200
(Brimbank,	ipchealth.com.au

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	
Housing	1800 825 955
Melbourne Youth Supp	ort 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	

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Parentline	13 22 89
Relationships Australia	8311 9222



# 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 Violen	nce
Prevention & Legal	
Service	1800 105 303
Women's Legal Service	8622 0600
Court Network	1800 681 614



# 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



# Could \$500 help you with school costs?

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

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

#### Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

**Phone or SMS** your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

**Email** WerribeeSP@ thesmithfamily.com.au

**Online** saverplus.org.au

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