



Point Cook Senior

# ***TERM 2 Newsletter***

**MADE FOR THE COMMUNITY,  
BY THE STUDENTS**



**3rd Edition  
26th May 2023**

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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**

### **Chris on leave**

Welcome to the latest edition of our school Newsletter. While Chris Mooney is on some leave, I am filling the role of Acting Principal and I have to say I am enjoying it immensely. Our staff and students are a wonderful community who support each other well. The hard work that they all put into their days ensures the school always operates at a high standard.

### **Curriculum day**

On the 24th of April (day 1 of term 2) we had our student free curriculum day. Amongst other professional learning on the day, we had a couple of sessions run by Foundation House, a group that helps support refugees. We were able to learn about the common experiences and trauma that some of our students have had and what the school and staff can do to support these students. This type of session is what enables our staff to support all students to overcome difficulties that impact them and is a great example of the efforts made to link wellbeing with academic achievement.

### **ANZAC Day**

An assembly was held on the 26th of April. Our students, who haven't had a lot of practises at sitting in whole school assemblies, conducted themselves in a wonderful manner. They were respectful, solemn and genuinely attentive to the guest speaker, ACW Ellie Hawke, as she told her personal story of joining the armed forces.

### **Student Behaviour**

The young people we have at our school are brilliant young people and a credit to their families and friends. At times, however, we all make mistakes, and we would like to remind students that as responsible members of the school community they should be conducting themselves in a respectful and dignified way when in the local community.

### **Year 12 Targeted Intervention 2023**

This year we are launching a structured programme to support Year 12 VCE Students.

The programme is aimed at helping students make incremental improvements in their results so that they can increase their subject study scores and therefore their overall ATAR.

Specifically, the intervention will consist of:

- Sessions around study skills and effective revision.
- Parent Information sessions on how to support your child through their VCE Journey
- Audit of subject resources for each student: Do they have access to the textbook, past papers, revision seminars etc.?
- Alumni to offer revision sessions after school.
- Weekly subject specific sessions delivered by teaching staff.

I encourage any year 12 students and families looking to improve their learning outcomes to engage in the offerings.

### **End of Semester**

As we head into the end of the semester it is time to reflect on what student have achieved, how they can finish off through revision and exam weeks and what strategies have proved effective that they can take forward into semester 2. Our Summative, semester reports will be available for students and parents on June 23. Use the information in them to plan out a successful and fulfilling semester 2.

**Shaun Sleep**



# History

On Tuesday the 9th of May, Year 11 and Year 12 History students made their way to the Victorian State Library, where the students were given the opportunity to gather information for their ongoing research Inquiry Assessment. Year 11s conducted their research around life in Nazi Germany while Year 12s located information surrounding the French Revolution. After spending time researching our individuals topics and exploring the beauty of the State Library, we made our way to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and explored The Lume Exhibition. The 'Monet and Friends' Exhibition at The Lume showcases art from the 19th century with a focus on how different social events impact art. This was a great way to spend the afternoon in the interactive space where people can just sit and watch the art come to life.

Overall it was a fantastic day out with Year 11 and 12 History students.





# Y11 Visual Communication Design Top Designs and Melbourne Now Excursion

On the 18th of May Year 11 VisComm students went into the city to visit Top Designs and got to look at the best VisComm designs from Year 12's last year. Our favourite that we saw was a student's designs for a cafe named Sprout. They put their logo on products and merchandise as they involved a lot of visual aspects such as photos and materials. In our spare time, we were given the opportunity to look around many different parts of the museum as many students were fascinated with the dinosaur display. Next the students made their way to the Melbourne Now exhibition as they got to look at more designs. The students enjoyed looking at a room called "Swarming" by James Lemon. It was filled with lots of neon colours and fluffy cushions - a great spot to take many pleasing photos! We saw a variety of unique designs and models as we looked into historical designs and clothes. As students who got the opportunity to go to such museums, we recommend visiting these museums!

- Loriele, Celina, Jorja, Ysabel & Tinotenda

We had fun going to top designs and exploring the different aesthetics each designer had. We did not enjoy getting lost in the art exhibits.

- Veronica, Alisha & Aaliyah

We enjoyed seeing all the top year 12 work across all the different subjects. It gave us a good insight of what's to come next year!

- Ben, Abdalla & Jordan





# VCE VM Rubicon Camp

Last week 13 Year 12 Personal Development Skills VCE VM Students set off on a 4-day camp at Rubicon, located in the countryside of Eastern Victoria near Lake Eildon.

The Leadership Camp had students challenging themselves every day with various activities. Rock-climbing, bushwalking and summiting Lake Mountain, White-water rafting the freezing Big River out of Lake Eildon and paying a visit to Stevenson's falls at night in Marysville.

It was an absolute pleasure working with such wonderful students and watching their confidence and leadership development strive during the camp, Miss Fisher and Mr. Noonan could not be prouder.



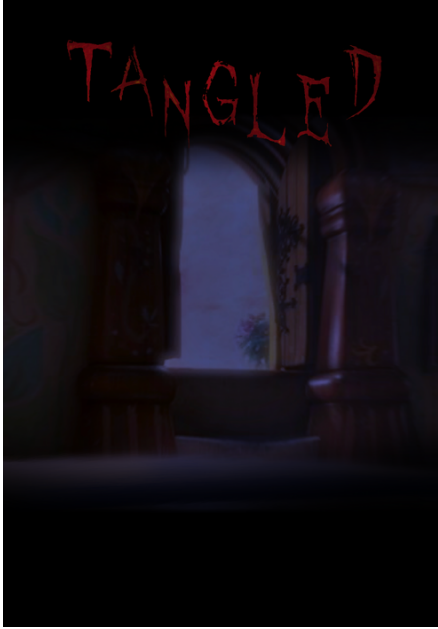


# Media @ PCS

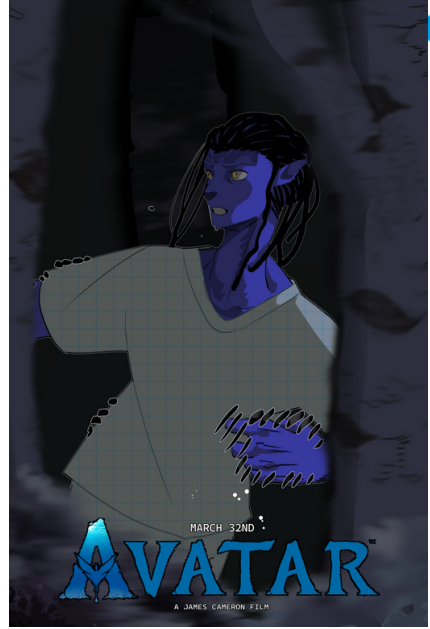
The Year 11 Media students have been very busy learning how to re-cut movies into new genres for their outcome 2 assessment task. Here are some amazing posters created by the students!



**Aisya Ariff Syah**  
*Slender Man as Romance*



**Aliza Khawaja**  
*Tangled as Horror*



**Matthew Jung**  
*Avatar as Horror*



**Jordan Auna**  
*Home Alone as Horror*



**Jude Thomas**  
*Toy Story as Horror*

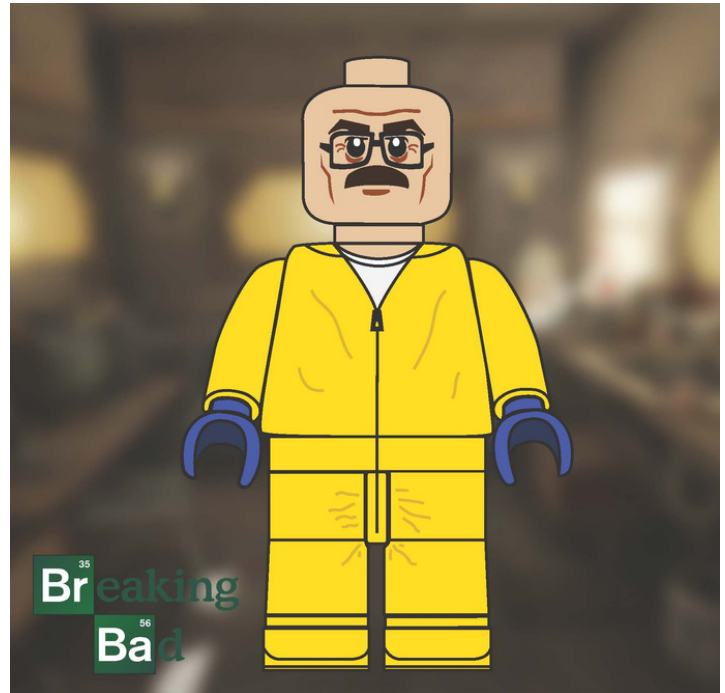


# VisComm

Year 11 VisComm students have learnt how to use design industry software, Adobe Illustrator, by creating this amazing celebrity Lego Minifigures!



*Aaliyah Daly 11*



*Alex An 11 VCD*



*Jordan Auna 11 VCD*



*Veronica Ashlin 11 VCD*

# Senior Boys VCC Premiers

Today the Point Cook Senior Boys Basketball squad had their first tournament on 2023, we were out at Eagle Stadium Werribee for the VCC championships.

The boys won all 4 of their games ending the day with an undefeated record. Winning the Grand Final against a gallant Ballarat Pheonix College earning our spot in the VCC championships in late May.

## Game Results:

1. 9-point win against Baccus Marsh Secondary
2. 2-point win against Heathmont Secondary
3. 7-point win against St Patricks Ballarat
4. 6-point win Grand Final against Ballarat Pheonix College

Kristian Tsapatolis was dominate on the defensive end of the court guarding the oppositions best player for 24 minutes straight in our first game, Maehe Paraha lead the side in scoring to get our first win of the day.

Bailey Robinson's offensive and defensive ability was on full display in our second game, hitting huge 3-point shots, getting key steals in rebounds with Brady Murnane also scoring the ball with his outside shooting ability to grind out our hardest win of the day. Aiden Dumesny was massive for us playing centre. Would not have gotten over the line without Aiden's defensive effort and rebounding.

The entire team stepped up in our third game. Ball movement offensively was outstanding, and defensively we all came together to keep St Pats to just 18 points total. Wiremu Tutu scoring under the basketball, Ryan Neill hitting some big threes.

The grand final was close for the entire game, our Year 12 Senior players who have been in the side since they were in Year 10 saved their best work till last. Shay Roberts was massive when inserted in the game defensively. Getting steals blocks, calling for screens whilst guarding the oppositions best player, sticking to him like glue. Brady Murnane put on a shooting masterclass in the Grand Final. Scoring the ball at will with incredible long jump shots. Maehe Paraha made some massive plays in the clutch with Bailey Robinson hitting a deep 3 point shot to ice the game.

The team's development was on full display in today's tournament, could not be prouder.

Mr.Noonan





# ANZAC DAY

On the 26th of April, the College Captains held Point Cook Senior's 2023 ANZAC Day assembly to commemorate all Australians and New Zealanders who have served our country.

We welcomed Aircraftwoman Ellie Hawke, our special guest for the assembly, to say a few words. She delivered a beautifully written speech and spoke the Ode of Remembrance. Following the Ode of Remembrance, we observed The Last Post, Minute's Silence and the Rouse, followed by both the Australian and New Zealand national anthems to conclude the assembly.

We thank ACW Ellie Hawke for coming out to speak to us, and for her service.

Vrinda Rani  
School Captain





**FREE**

# GLOBAL RISING STARS

LIMITED SPOTS  
AVAILABLE

A FREE SPORTS PROGRAM FOR  
MULTICULTURAL YOUTH

## 8 WEEK BASKETBALL PROGRAM

### Thursdays:

Mix 7-11 years old

### Sundays (seperate sessions):

Boys 12-16 years old

Girls 12-16 years old

For more information contact:

Amal Hassan Ali 0402 839 524

Amran Elmi 0401 348 464

REGISTER  
TODAY



STARTS WEEK OF  
MAY 8TH

Juniors 7-11 years old

## Blue Award 2021

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE  
BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

THE  
EDUCATION  
STATE

VICTORIA  
State  
Government

Point Cook Senior Secondary College



# The Wellbeing Hub



## Welcome to the Hub!

A new space for Point Cook Senior in 2023. This is just the first phase of the Hub, with plenty more updates to come. At this stage it's just a quiet space for students to come to, if they need some timeout and a quiet space during the day.

## The Wellbeing Team



Sunny

Hey I'm Sunny and I am the Youth Worker at school. Do you want to chat to someone about school, family, friends, mental health, or something else? Then you can visit me at the Wellbeing Hub. I'm a casual, friendly face and you don't need to make an appointment. Together we can work out what help you might want and how you can find it. That includes support at school like a counsellor, careers advice, or help talking with your teachers. I can also help you find services outside of school such as local youth programs, mental health services, legal advice, and more. If you need help with something, or have questions and you aren't sure who to ask, come by the Wellbeing Hub and say hello!

Hello! My name is Susan Connors and you can find me in the Wellbeing Hub! I do some counselling, as well as more informal support. You can make an appointment with me through your teacher, or just pop into the Hub and say hi. I'm here to help you work through any issues or obstacles that you're facing inside or outside of school, or talk about anything that's going on for you! If I'm not the best person to help you with what's going on, I can also refer you to someone else in the wellbeing team, or services and supports outside of school.



Susan



Susan Cam

Hello! My name is Susan Camilleri-Cline (Susan Cam) you can find me in the wellbeing hub. I support students holistically with their goals and what they wish to achieve with their studies, attendance or with their pathways. Ways in which I can support are with individualised schedules, plans and regular ongoing support as well as any referrals that may be required.  
Fun fact: I like to game, just not on school nights

Hello!

My name is Irma. You can find me at the front office for counselling appointments during school hours. I'm often popping by the hub to say hello and lending a helping hand to support students in the space. I can help you with navigating challenges in your life and the emotional rollercoaster that comes with this. We can work together on some helpful strategies and celebrate your progress. Get in touch with me through a teacher, the Wellbeing Leader, or simply send me an email 😊



Irma

# THE BREAKFAST everyone is welcome CLUB

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!

where? Room 312

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



# REMINDERS

## KEY DATES

**2 Jun** Staff Professional Planning Day - Students Working From Home

**5 - 9 Jun** Year 10 & 11 Exam Week

**5 - 9 Jun** Year 11Vm Work Experience Week

**12 Jun** King Birthday

**13 Jun** Assessment/Moderation Day - Students Free Day

**15 Jun** GAT - No Classes for Unit 3 & 4 Students

**23 Jun** Year 12 English Orals - No Year 12 VCE Classes Running

**23 Jun Term 2 Ends**

**10 Jul Term 3 Commences**

**19 Jul** Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Information Evening

**19 Jul** Year 11 into Year 12 Parent Information Evening

**20 Jul** Advisory Program - Day 2

**26 Jul** Year 10 Course Counselling - No Year 10 Classes

**28 Jul** Year 10 into 11 Course Selection Forms Due

**28 Jul** Year 11 into 12 Course Selection Forms Due

**2 Aug** Year 9 into Year 10 Open Night

**3 Aug** VTAC Applications Open

**3 Aug** Year 12 VTAC Parent Information Night

**18 Aug** Year 9 into Year 10 Course Selection Forms Due

**11 - 15 Sep** Year 12 Practice Exams

**14 Sep** Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening

**15 Sep** Parent Teacher Student Conference - Morning

**15 Sep Term 3 Ends**

*together we are creating a  
healthy school*

achievement  
program



# RESPECT

# EFFORT

# RESPONSIBILITY

# 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***





**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](http://www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au)
2. click on the Compass Portal icon

OR

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** 5367 2000  
(Bacchus Marsh, Melton djhs.org.au  
Caroline Springs)

**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 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**

Court Network **1800 681 614**



# 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**





# Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



\* 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](http://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](http://saverplus.org.au)

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**NEW SEASON STARTING SOON  
INQUIRE NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT**

Woodville Basketball have vacancies for all new players from Under 8s all the way through to Under 23s.

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES EXIST**



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**INTERESTED?**

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ARE YOU BORN IN 2016/17/18?**

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Woodville is currently recruiting for the Winter 2023 season



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Registration: [www.woodvillebc.com.au/registration](http://www.woodvillebc.com.au/registration)



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