

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

What a wonderful term it has been. Looking back on it, I can't work out how we managed to fit it all in but I guess it is just down to the hard work of all the students and staff.

I want to congratulate and thank all the students on their commitment to their learning this term. With end of semester exams for year 10 and 11 and the GAT for year 12's the focus was squarely on achieving to the best of their ability. I am always impressed by the number of students accessing lunchtime and afterschool classes to try to improve outcomes and reach their goals and this term was no different with staff providing some excellent opportunities for students to target problem areas and get some help outside of normal class time. In class, students were well prepared and actively engaged across the board. Our PCSSC Learning Cycle was clearly evident with students understanding how they learn and how to get better.

We capped off the term with assemblies celebrating our high achieving students and their results. This is always a brilliant activity and should serve as a motivation to all the students to try and strive for an award.

Reports are now available for parents in Compass. Please read them carefully as they not only contain information about what students achieved but more importantly, the comments from staff will outline key areas and strategies for improvement. Chatting to your child about their report and helping them target some goals for semester 2 can have a big, positive impact on their learning.

While we have many programs and activities happening this term, I would like to congratulate the careers team on running the work experience program during term 2. Getting more than 260 students into work places to experience different occupations is a huge job with massive benefits to students so well done to the team. You can read more about it in this newsletter.

In term 3 we will be introducing a new program called Respectful Relationships into the school. This is a DET supported program that addresses recommendations from the Royal Commission into family violence and will assist our students to become happier, healthier and more resilient. Over the coming weeks you will hear more about the program as we start to implement activities and learning experiences for students.

Lastly, as my time in the Principal's role is at an end and I would like to thank all members of the school community for making it a fantastic time. The last term has really highlighted for me that we have a wonderful school filled with energetic, caring staff and enthusiastic, highly capable students. I feel lucky to have been able to lead the school for a term and look forward continuing our work together.

Shaun Sleep  
Acting Principal



Year 12 students at Athletics Carnival



## Teaching and Learning – Feedback Strategies

John Hattie, University of Melbourne Professor of Education, claims that “the simplest prescription for improving education must be ‘dollops’ of feedback”. Consequently, the teachers of PCSSC have spent this term focusing closely on how we ensure our students receive helpful feedback that moves their learning forward.

Part of this professional development was a sharing of our expertise at a recent Teaching and Learning Meeting; eight teachers each presented a specific feedback strategy to their peers. This process allowed our teachers to learn new ways to develop the learning of their students through timely and specific feedback.

A fantastic professional development opportunity for our teachers, this event was another aspect of our ongoing work towards ensuring outstanding education for all of our students. Thank you very much to Anna Dansie, Christine Lambrianidis, Bryce Flannery, Brewster Hipik, Bronwyn Cambridge, Alison Wishart and Anee Dunne for presenting.



Please note: A vitally important part of the feedback process is students actually applying the advice provided by their teachers. As a parent, **talk with your child about how teachers provide them with feedback**: What do they find most useful? How exactly do they use the feedback to improve their learning? How often do they seek out the teacher to ask for guidance with their learning? Asking such questions will really help your child to remain focused with their learning, as well as strengthen the effectiveness of the educational partnership between school and home.

## International Students Forum

Point Cook Senior Secondary College was proudly represented by students Ziqi (Amy) Liang, Karmen Liaw and Yuanlong (Jasper) Zhang who attended the International Students Forum at the State Library on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

The purpose of the day was to empower International and local students to share their experiences, develop ideas and learn from each other. Students were addressed by a number of motivational and inspirational International students who aimed to communicate their values and encouraged all students to seize every opportunity at school and in the wider community to get involved and learn about Australian culture. International and local students worked in groups to brainstorm practical ideas and suggestions to build school pride and help develop global citizenship and intercultural capability within the school community.



Later on Amy, Karmen and Jasper presented their ideas and suggestions they've got from the forum to our college International students, speaking with confidence and demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities.





## English Enhancement Excursion

On June the 14<sup>th</sup> the English Enhancement students travelled into the city to watch the Shakespeare play *Macbeth*. It was an exciting afternoon, stopping for a pizza lunch first, witnessing a spectacular modern take on the classic play. Students were in awe of the symbolic costuming and the exciting action on stage, the highlight being the moment Macbeth sees the spectres of men he killed appear in his place at the dinner table. A wonderful afternoon exhibiting the well-mannered and mature nature of our students.



## 12 English Guest Speaker – Bob Hillman

Two weeks ago our Year 12 English students were fortunate enough to have a visit from Bob Hillman, Chief Assessor of English and of the General Achievement Test (GAT). Needless to say, Bob has an enormous wealth of experience and expertise when it comes to knowing how students can achieve their best not only in English, but in all subject areas.

As you can see from the photo below, a large number of our students attended, despite the fact that they had just completed their 3-hour GAT assessment! Those wise enough to attend heard a discussion from Bob that centred around the idea of adopting a 'Year 12 mentality'; essentially, this idea relates to one's attitude towards their study, encapsulated by the following key points:

- Be honest with yourself about your effort and commitment.
- Don't just do what your teacher says to do – this should simply be a platform from which to build from.
- Ensure you are highly engaged in class and actively absorbing what your teacher and peers are saying.
- Take copious amounts of notes in class – this will provide you with essential resources come exam revision time.

It was an inspiring and motivational speech by a man incredibly passionate about helping young people achieve their best. Thanks to Elise Garro for organising such a great event and we look forward to seeing Bob again in 2018.



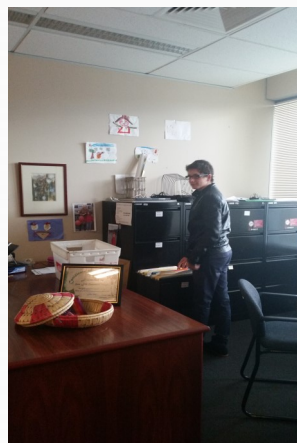


## Year 10 Work Experience Program

From June 19-23, Year 10 students from Point Cook Senior engaged in a one week work experience program. Over 260 students worked in an array of workplace sectors, including Melbourne Magistrates Court, veterinary clinics, Australian Defence Force, Boeing, various law and accountancy firms, film making studios, multi media organisations, retail stores, real estate agencies, the local Member of Parliament Jill Hennessy's office, SBS radio, hair dressing salons, fitness centres, Wyndham City Council, local schools, trades; including plumbing, building, electrical and automotive, a variety of hospitality restaurants and cafes, including the Sheraton Hotel and many more job sectors.



Students engaged in many exciting learning activities and gained a variety of new skills. Furthermore, during teacher visits and phone calls, many employers reported that they were very impressed by our students' enthusiasm, willingness to learn and committed work ethic. Excitingly a number of students were offered part time employment and for other students they reported that work experience cemented their future career choice. We are very proud of the efforts of our students, staff and the PCSSC careers team in making the program a great success. A big thank You to employers for hosting our students and our parents/guardians for their support.



## Student Reflection of Work Experience

During my work experience week, I was fortunate enough to work with the Database Productions located in Thornbury. The Database productions is a media company that offer many different 'bases' to their clients. They offer services for actors, gear, food, crew, art and events. My role with them for the week was to do a bit of documentation in the office and help with the preparation for filming on Friday.

I learnt how to write up and finalise call sheets which are used in the pre production part of a project, it's a timetable that goes into great detail about what's happening, where it's happening and what times they have to be there etc. I was assigned small tasks to do such as finding pictures of certain gear that they can upload on their website, creating posters and power points, designing business cards, finding locations to film, sitting in on meetings and researching permits from the council.

Angela Stanton 10A





## EAL and International Student Work Experience & Job Skills Week

The Year 10 International students and some Year 10 EAL students took part in a special program during their work experience week specifically designed to enhance their employability skills. On day one, students took part in a drama workshop run by Rosa from 'Make a Scene theatre education', here students were given the opportunity to act out fun scenarios, develop short scripts and participate in drama activities which helped them build their communication and team work skills. Also during the week students were taught how to write up a resume, how to search for a job and also took part in 'mock interviews' where they all were given the chance to go through the interview process and answer interview style questions in front of a panel. The highlight of the week was attending William Angliss Institute in the city where students took a tour of the facilities and completed the barista course at their Coffee Academy. All students had a great time learning about the coffee making process and partaking in practical coffee making experiences. They all ended their work experience week becoming qualified baristas eager to use their new skills in a workplace!

A big thank you to Ms Swaby, Ms Dereli, Ms Adamou, Miss Dunne, Ms Dimech-Hill, Ms Simpson and Olga Verbitckaia for their help during this week.

Lucinda Szechenyi



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## Semester One Science Fair 2017

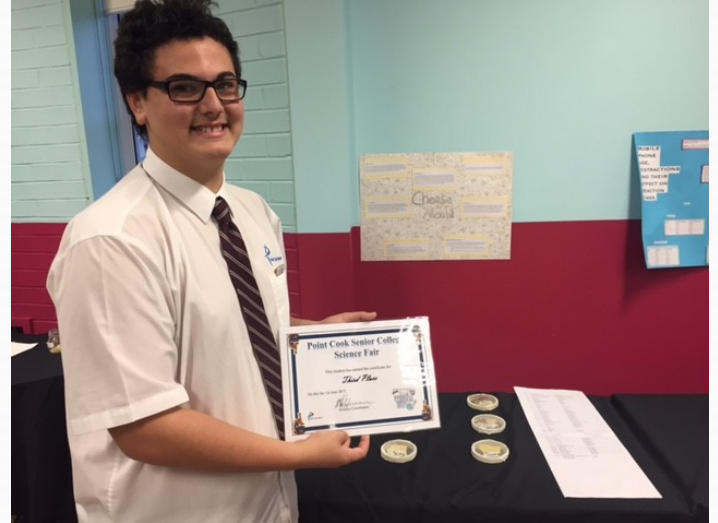
The 1<sup>st</sup> of June PCSSC kicked off the first Science Fair of the 2017. There was plenty to get involve with. There were many student displays, our own year 11 students were assisting with science demonstrations. We had plenty of visitors stop by to show their support toward the hard work that students put into their displays. Though three projects were the standouts, I would like to congratulate all of the students who tried their best to come up with an idea that challenged their way of looking at the world. Science is a wonderful area of study where you can question the world and figure out the answers yourself.



Our winners this semester thought through their ideas and showed understanding of scientific terminology as well as the scientific method. First place went to Riarn and Nadiah with her *Phantom Sensations* experiment. Second place went to Divine for her *Getting rid of Bacteria* experiment. Third place went to Nicholas for his *Cheese* experiment. Every science fair our Principal also judges to find what he thinks to be a deserving project; due to her innovation, recognition of the applications to everyday life, Divine also won the Principal Choice award.

Congratulation to you all and thank you for such a wonderful demonstration of science understanding for this semester.

Melissa Chapman, Science Learning Area Leader





## VCAA Plain English Speaking Competition

On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>, I visited the Department of Education and Training with my 'best bud' Nicole Marie to participate in the semi-final stage of the 'VCAA Plain English Speaking Award'.



The participants of this fun little competition are assessed on two components: the prepared and the impromptu speech.

For the prepared speech, I discussed how the phrase "I'm not like other girls" is so wrong, on so many levels. The other prepared speech topics that were presented ranged from 'the commercialisation of mental illness' to 'the rise of right wing populism' and showed an interesting range of the contemporary issues students are passionate about.

However, the most interesting part of that day was the impromptu speech. The impromptu speeches provide an honest 3-minute insight into an individual's personality; it's hard not to be honest under pressure.

The prompt for the impromptu was 'Every ending, brings a new beginning'.



Now, if we were to simulate the competition's environment, I'd lock you in a room with some pens and paper for 4 minutes to plan for a 3-minute speech.

Wow. If I close my eyes, it's almost as if I were there.

Keep them open though, because we need to power through the closing lines to this masterpiece of an article.

I unfortunately did not make it through to the finals but it's okay, because I honestly learned so much. I know how cliché it is to talk about learning from losing but I really did take away a lot from that day. Because that's the nature of a speech competition; it's a space for voices to be heard.

Not only was I able to deliver a voice of my own; I was lucky enough to be able to listen and learn from the voices of others as well.



Kyla Canares

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## Year 10 Excursion to the WRICA Careers Expo

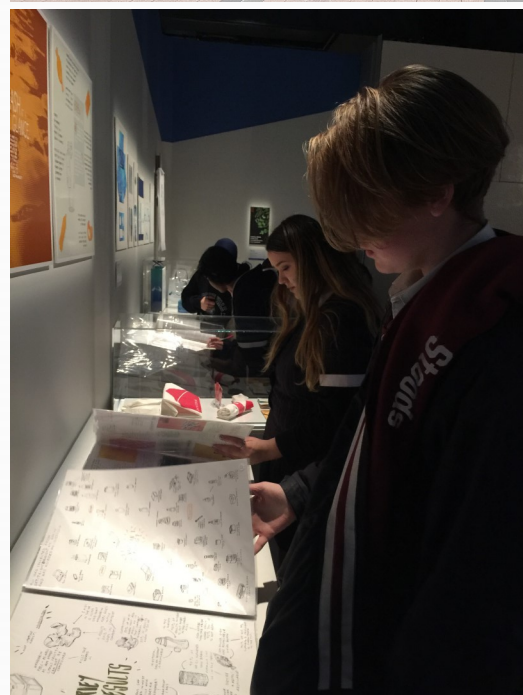
On Thursday May 18 over 300 Year 10 students from Point Cook Senior attended the WRICA Careers expo at Werribee Racecourse with Year 10 teachers and Mary Dimech the Careers TEACHER/Counsellor. This event is the biggest Careers Expo in the Western suburbs. Students were gathering information from exhibitors regarding Employment, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Industry, TAFEs, Universities, and Government Organisation. "It was great how people from the Universities made conversation and I got to take lots of books and resources home to help with my course selection for Year 11".



Dallas Dashwood

## Year 12 Media and Visual Communication Design

The Year 12 Media and Visual Communication Design classes visited the National Gallery of Victoria and Melbourne Museum to see a number of design and photographic exhibitions as well as the 2017 Season of Excellence Top Design Exhibit. Students saw an inspiring presentation by animator Isobel Knowles about her design process and industry experience. Another highlight was the incredible Michael Eggleston portrait exhibition as part of the National Gallery of Victoria's *Festival of Photography*. The students behaved very well and returned to school with renewed enthusiasm and enriched knowledge for their folio work. - Laura Newman and Vanessa Riley.







## Athletics Carnival

Term 2 means one thing for Sport at Point Cook Senior – the annual Athletics Carnival. This Carnival is important that it is the Year 12's last chance to participate at a full school event and they did so in excellent (dress-up) fashion. The weather was a cause of concern in the few days leading up to the event but was nice for us on the day with the rain, wind and cold holding off for all to enjoy. The Carnival has something for everyone; students can compete across a range of disciplines in track ranging from 100m-1500m and in jumping and throwing field events. For those less competitive, there was Advisory activities which included at Bungee Run Jumping Castle and Mini golf. The Year 12's had some very creative outfits which they got to show off in some fun 100m and 400m events as well as the parade at the end of the day.

As always, we acknowledge all students who participated in events on the day for their effort and support towards their school. There will be a team of students heading off to the Division Athletics Competition on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. The points were collated and the winning house for 2017 resulted in DRAGONS (red house).



A number of records were broken at the carnival including:

- 100m: Aleksa Ristivojevic, Carlie Myers-Moore & Ruby Bovdis
- 400m: Kirk Shanahan
- 1500m: Zak Muir, Kirk Shanahan & Ariana Eruera-Chase
- Long jump: Kody Fox & Sam Tuibua
- Triple jump: Kody Fox
- Discus: Sam Sayegh & Sean Gillis

And finally, the most outstanding athlete for 2017 in each year level was awarded to:

- Year 10 Girl: Jordan Cross
- Year 10 Boy: Kody Fox
- Year 11 Girl: Madelyn Murtagh
- Year 11 Boy: Kirk Shanahan
- Year 12 Girl: Ruby Bovdis
- Year 12 Boy: Riley Colbert



## Cross Country

On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10 students travelled to a windy Cherry Lake to compete in the Hobsons Bay Division Cross Country Competition. For females, this involved a 3.5km run while males had to complete 4.5km around the lake. All students who participated are commended for the efforts and the way they represented the school. The following students produced some outstanding results and will be progressing to the Regional Cross Country event to be held at Brimbank Park on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June:

16yr Boys: Zak Muir – 4<sup>th</sup>

17-20yr Boys: Kirk Shanahan – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sean Sturrock – 3<sup>rd</sup>

17-20yr Girls: Ariana Eruera-Chase – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Abeny Dak – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Kimberly Knox – 7<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 3 students competed in the regional cross country event held at Brimbank Park. Abeny Dak was the first to run for the school for the third consecutive year in the 3km competition. She ran a very smart race finishing in a respectable time and placing about mid-field. Sean Sturrock and Kirk Shanahan were competitors in the 5km 17-20yr old boys event. It was the first year that Sean represented our school and the effort and dedication he displayed was excellent. Kirk Shanahan is a talented runner who ended up finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in this event, receiving a bronze medal. This means that Kirk will move onto the State event held at Bundoora Park next month. Kirk is congratulated on his amazing achievement.



All students represented our school in a superb fashion and are commended for the maturity and effort shown.

## Senior Girls Softball

On Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, the Senior Girls Softball Team attended the State Finals at Jells Park, after progressing through the Division and Regional events.

Their fixture involved 2 pools, with each team playing 3 games and the winner of each pool to play off in the final.

When they arrived, the softball experts being Manu Tutu, Moana Benjamin and Mikaylah Lepua took the team through some last minute drills and warm-ups.

The first game saw the girls win very convincingly with the score line being 12-0 and the opposing team calling 'mercy'. This gave the girls some confidence going into the second time against a harder opposition. They all had their batting order in place as well as their fielding positions and stuck true to these throughout the whole day. The second game was also a victory of 5-3.

Going into the third game there were a few nerves as the opposing team had also not lost a game. We had a secret weapon in Moana being pitcher on the day but this third team also had a very talented pitcher. The game was close throughout the whole 70 minutes but unfortunately the girls just missed out on victory with the final score being 5-3.

All of the girls on the softball team are congratulated immensely on making it to this level and producing some quality results on the day. Their support and cheering for each other was phenomenal and they represented our school in a fantastic manner.





## Boys Intermediate Volleyball Team

Volleyball players at PCSSC finally got to play in their first ever Schools Cup Tournament on Tuesday the 30th of June at Dandenong's state volleyball centre.

Trainings have been taking place twice a week in preparation for the competition where players have been practicing their skills, learning their rotations during the different plays and learning where to be on the court for attacking and defending scenarios.

The team entered in the open division two tournament and even though the team did not place, the day was a huge success! The team was able to put all of their practice into action and scored some impressive points against teams that have been together for around 4-5 years.

Coaches from other schools commented on the players professionalism, skills and organisation for such a new team to the sport.

The players should be very proud of how they represented the school as they demonstrated the colleges values of respect, effort and responsibility outstandingly on and off the court.

The players are already excited to begin their training next week and analyse the statistics that were gathered during their games on Tuesday to aide in preparation for the next tournament.



## Intermediate Boys Soccer Team

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, PCSSC Intermediate Boys Soccer team had their first tournament of the year. We had seven teams to play against and were on the field for over three hours. It soon became obvious to us that we were a serious team to challenge the others. We won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in pool B and then played the winning two teams of the pool A.

Overall we earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of the seven teams. In our games against the top two teams we challenged them greatly and lost by only one goal each from high pressure situations. We were very proud and happy to have found positions to suit everyone's strengths. Next year we will be more comfortable together and know how to improve on our weaknesses.





## Under 16's Boys Rugby

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, Point Cook Senior's, under 16's (9 a side) Rugby boys went out to fight for the state championship, GIO School boys Trophy. The line-up of matches was certainly going to give resistance for our boys with Hallam being first up. Hallam has always been a team to beat but the boys were not fazed and went out onto the field full of confidence. It wasn't long before the first try was made by the Point Cook boys, putting the first score on the board, follow very quickly by a nice kick to make the conversion. Unfortunately, Hallam were able to respond, evening the scores. The match continued with some awesome plays and great tackles by both sides but Hallam were just a little too consistent winning the match with a 24-26 score.



The second match came up soon after. It was Narre Warren South's turn to take on our boys. With our boys licking their wounds from the previous games loss, they ran onto the field with determination. Up against an unknown team, an unknown force, the boys knew that they needed to win this game to keep up the dream of taking out the trophy alive. The game started strongly with a fast try and a conversion to follow putting Point Cook on the scoreboard. The Gods must have answered the boys' prayers, as Narre Warren South gave very little resistance allowing our boys to thump their opponents 24-18. Our boys started to work as a team and found their groove.

This groove had fortunately held as the boys began their 3<sup>rd</sup> game against another formidable team, Mt Ridley. History has shown that Mt Ridley is also a team that consistently reaches and wins finals. However, this was not the day for Mt Ridley. Our boys, having worked out how to work as a team, were all over their opponents, tackling strong and running fast to score 20 whilst Mt Ridley only responded with a score of four.

By winning the two previous matches, Point Cook, made it to the finals. The finals were against Narre Warren South. Going against a fallen team, allowed our boys to walk into the match with confidence flying high. This confidence continued throughout the match with the boys hunting down their opponents stripping them from the ball and their pride. Our boys continued placing the pressure onto the NWS team placing the ball over the try line on numerous occasions to take the win 24 to 8.

Michael, Cassius, Jay, Logan, Logan, Anthony, Fui, Kortez, Theo, Dj, Bilal, Joel and Larry all walked away as the Under 16's - Rugby 9's, State Champions for 2017. These boys showed great skill and determination and should be congratulated. Well done boys on showing how the Point Cook Senior boys play rugby.

## Senior Boys Table Tennis

The Point Cook Senior boys table tennis team were premiers for the third consecutive year at the Hobsons Bay Division competition. They played against 4 other teams and won all matches quite convincingly. Ivan Silic, Daniel Ketchley, Shane Dutt, Jaxon Holmes and Trent De Villier rounded out the team and all boys are highly commended for their outstanding effort, support and behaviour. The boys now go onto the Regional Finals which will be held in Geelong on the 2nd of August.



Brianna Bunworth

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## SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS 2017

Congratulations to the following students, who were top achievers in their subjects for Semester 1, 2017.

### YEAR 10 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

#### English

<i>English</i>	Heidi Rasmussen
<i>English (EAL)</i>	Daisy Zhao
<i>Enhancement English</i>	Riam Richards
<i>Intensive EAL</i>	Zeming Xia

#### Mathematics & Science

<i>Mathematics</i>	Bethany Carson
<i>Advanced Mathematics</i>	Jingran Zhu
<i>Science</i>	Tom Arthurs
<i>Advanced Science</i>	Anjana Rajaduray

#### History & PE

<i>History</i>	Heidi Rasmussen
<i>Physical Education</i>	Heidii Rasmussen
<i>Health Education</i>	Shanay Ramchander

#### The Arts & Technology

<i>Art</i>	Bethany Carson
<i>Graphic Design</i>	Faten Abba
<i>Media</i>	Bethany Carson
<i>Clothing and Design</i>	Yalina Tanti
<i>Food Studies</i>	Bradley Gardner
<i>Dance</i>	Balla Koko

#### Accelerated & Extension subjects

<i>Aspire Program</i>	Anisah Mohd Isa
<i>Accelerated General Mathematics</i>	Hazem Azcoul

### YEAR 11 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

#### English

<i>English</i>	Tamara Douthat
<i>English as an Additional Language</i>	Lucy Zhu
<i>English Language</i>	Madeline Lamb
<i>Bridging EAL</i>	Alex Zhu
<i>Literature</i>	Aericka Bou

#### Mathematics

<i>General Mathematics</i>	Tamara Douthat
<i>Mathematical Methods</i>	Alex Zhu

#### Science

<i>Biology</i>	Tamara Douthat
<i>Chemistry</i>	Aotian Zhou
<i>Physics</i>	Aotian Zhou
<i>Psychology</i>	Alina Arshad

#### Business & Humanities

<i>Accounting</i>	Paul Calabro
<i>Business Management</i>	Aericka Bou
<i>Twentieth Century History</i>	Aericka Bou
<i>Computing</i>	Kyla Canares

#### Health & PE

<i>Health and Human Development</i>	Tamara Douthat
<i>Outdoor and Environmental Studies</i>	Jared Prebble
<i>Physical Education</i>	Jake Jonus

#### The Arts & Technology

<i>Studio Arts</i>	Blanca Padros-Quintana
<i>Media</i>	Aericka Bou
<i>Visual Communication Design</i>	Rachel Lam
<i>Product Design and Technology [T]</i>	Rachel Lam
<i>Product Design and Technology [W]</i>	Juan Sadie
<i>Food Studies</i>	Nick Parnis

#### Intermediate Applied Learning

<i>Personal Development Skills</i>	Holly Whinnen
<i>Work Related Skills</i>	William Messina

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## YEAR 12 ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

Top achievers will be awarded at the Year 12 Valedictory dinner.

Congratulations to the following students, who were high performers in their Unit 3 studies for Semester 1, 2017.

### High performance in one subject

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| • Stephanie Atzis           | • Cassandra Lariche  |
| • Hayan Azcoul              | • Holly Lawler       |
| • Amira Azme                | • Jiarui Li          |
| • Lidia Boniwell Lombardero | • Neve Little        |
| • Tyler Boukouvalas         | • Vivien Mikita      |
| • Aericka Bou               | • Hannah Munro       |
| • Ruby Bovdis               | • Chris Nikolovski   |
| • Cody Buttigieg            | • Vivian Nguyen      |
| • Jessie Caesar             | • Georgia O'Brien    |
| • Kyla Canares              | • Isaac Osborne      |
| • Emma Chircop              | • Tahlia Peck        |
| • Riley Colbert             | • Abbey Prendergast  |
| • Eryn Cork                 | • Seth Reeves        |
| • Kieran Corrigan           | • Emmanuel Richards  |
| • Jessey Darburn            | • Tayla Roberts      |
| • Trent de Villiers         | • Claudia Sarantis   |
| • Tamara Douthat            | • Sarah Sayegh       |
| • Shane Dutt                | • Ebony Sharp        |
| • Caitlin Fitzjohn          | • Sara Telfer        |
| • Trinity Gardiner          | • Jackson Theodorou  |
| • Zean Gepiga               | • Daniel Torres      |
| • Syeda Alema Haider        | • Casey van der Riet |
| • Jaxon Holmes              | • Bethany Wilkinson  |
| • Natasha Jones             | • Alana Zahra        |
| • Alexandra Kotsiofis       | • Alex Zhu           |

### High performance in two subjects

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| • Insyrah Ahmad           | • Oguzhan McLaren |
| • Amina Bai               | • Natasha Milner  |
| • Vansh Chauhan           | • Chloe Pio       |
| • Demi Christou           | • Sarah Plant     |
| • Alycia Eason            | • Eryn Skeels     |
| • Harrison Ellem          | • Jyothi Sridhar  |
| • Olivia Fudyma-Pritchard | • Raymond Wong    |
| • Tarren Hainsworth       |                   |

### High performance in three subjects

- Grace Kim
- Darcy Peace
- Jaimye Waters

### High performance in five subjects

- Zakhi Mehta
- Caroline Nguyen



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**SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS 2017**



Year 10 High performance students



Year 12 students High performance in two subjects



Year 11 High performance students



Year 12 students High performance in three subjects



Year 12 High performance students



Year 12 students High performance in five subjects



**COLLEGE'S SPORTINT TEAMS**







## Year 11 VCAL

On Friday June 23rd, 9 Intermediate VCAL students donated their time and volunteered at the Victorian Applied Learning Association's (VALA) annual conference. In the two weeks prior to the conference, students wrote introductions for the guest speakers, practiced their communication and public speaking skills and met the director of VALA, Helene Rooks. On the day of the conference, students conducted a meet and greet with the participants of the conference, directed guests and introduced guest speakers. The students received great feedback from VALA and will be awarded certificates at the next year level assembly.



Bryce Flannery



## Compass Portal

Just a brief reminder that the majority of our communications 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 update 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:



### Compass Portal

Click here to login to the Point Cook Senior Compass Portal

go to the College's homepage [www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au](http://www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au) and click on the Compass Portal icon.

or directly go to Compass login

## Point Cook Senior Secondary College

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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.



## Breakfast Club

**Where:** Room 312

**When:** Fridays

**Time :** 8.00am – 8.30am

**All welcome**

Our Breakfast Program has now been running for 6 years. We have been successful in supporting those students in need and also developing relationships between staff and students. The program also improves student wellbeing, supporting their outcomes. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a free breakfast and a fun and enjoyable environment to start their school day.



Point Cook Senior Secondary College would also like to sincerely thank the IGA for their support for our Breakfast Program.

### ATTENDANCE

Student attendance information is available on Compass, including the option to approve absences and input requests to leave early for an appointment. Students are required to provide a medical certificate when absent from a VCE class or assessment.

**Late Arrival to School** - Students are requested to use Compass card to sign in at 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 parent entering approval on Compass or contacting the attendance office.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Term 3:

**17 July – Term 3 Commences**

**26 July** – Year 10 into 11 Parent Information Evening

**28 July** – Advisory Orientation Program Day 3

**2 Aug** – Year 10 Course Confirmation Day - No Y10 Classes

**2 Aug** – Year 11 into 12 Parent Information Evening

**4 Aug** – Year 10 into Year 11 Course Selection Forms Due

**9 Aug** – Year 9 into 10 Open Night

**11 Aug** – Year 11 into Year 12 Course Selection Forms Due

**15 Aug** – Year 12 VTAC Parent Information Evening

**16 Aug** – AVID/STAMP/AFL programs Parent Information

**24 Aug** – Curriculum Day

**25 Aug** – Year 9 into Year 10 Course Selection Forms Due

**1 Sept** – Year 10 Formal Evening

**4 Sept** – Division Athletics

**7 Sept** – Intermediate Winter 2 Sports Day

**18 Sept - 22 Sept** – Year 12 Practice Exam Week

**21 Sept** – Regional Athletics

**21 Sept** – Parent Teacher/Interview Thursday Evening

**22 Sept** – Parent Teacher/Interview Friday Morning

**22 Sept** – Term 3 Ends

**9 Oct** – Term 4 Commences

**9 Oct** – Performance Exam Commences

# RU OK?™

A conversation could change a life.

## 1. Ask RU OK?

Help them open up by asking  
"How are you going?"



**Start a  
conversation  
using these  
4 steps**

## 4. Check in

Make time to catch  
up soon.



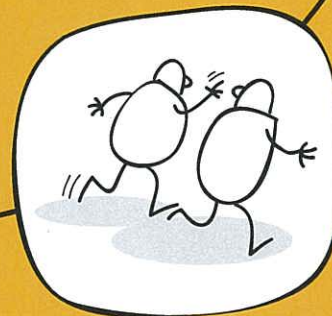
## 2. Listen without judgement

Take what they say seriously.



## 3. Encourage action

Urge them to commit to doing  
one thing that might help them.



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# Kids Helpline



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