

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As semester one concludes I would like to commend our students for the manner in which they have approached the exam period. During week 9 students in Years 10, 11 & 12 completed a very successful exam period. The quality of our students' preparation and effort has been pleasing. As well as taking this opportunity to consolidate their semester's learning, our Year 10 and 11 students have been able to gain very important practice for the year 12 exams that most of them will be sitting in the next year or two. Effective decision-making and time management in an exam situation is a skill in itself, and it is very useful for our young people to start developing this skill from year 10 onwards. When they reach the high stakes exam process at year 12, we want them to be ready. Similarly, the week before the exams were held was mostly a revision week, and our teachers' focus during this week was on teaching their students how to revise effectively for exams – again developing skills and understandings they can carry with them into exam situations in years to come.

If you have visited the school lately, dropped students off in the morning or picked them up in the afternoon you may have noticed that work has begun on landscaping the front section of the grounds. Our school gardener and grounds keeper Patricia Browne has commenced work by having the future garden beds rotary hoed, over the coming months you should see this area transformed into a lovely botanical environment that will significantly change and enhance the entrance to the college and our street scape. Patricia will be supported in doing this by the students in VCAL, who are keen to be involved in the project, assisting with mulching, measuring and locating where trees and plants will go, digging trenches and laying the pipes for the irrigation system. I have attached a design concept diagram on page 16 to give you a better idea.

Importantly I would like to remind all students of the need to follow traffic and road rules when coming to school or going home.

Point Cook Senior Secondary College has a "Duty of Care" for students when they are travelling to and from school. During the course of the academic year some students in Year 12 will obtain their licences and drive to school. While the Administrators at the College are happy for students to do this, a number of important guidelines must be followed. . The school's insurance carriers and the Department of Education forbid students to park in the College grounds, including the staff car parks. Students are also not able to park between the entrance to the slip road at the front of the college and the entrance to the staff car park, there are parking restriction signs in place. Students are welcome to park in any available street parking around the college. Students are required to

notify the college that they are driving to school and provide the college with the registration details of their vehicles. Students are not to transport any other student in their vehicle, with the exception of brothers and sisters, without the written permission of those student's parents. Written permission must be submitted to the college and will be kept on file.

P platers are permitted by law to only carry one other passenger who is not a sibling.

Under no circumstances can students, once at school transport other students in their cars when travelling to and from any school program, excursion or function. Students travelling to college programs, excursions and functions are required to travel in the transport provided by the college. Students are not to use their vehicle at recess or lunchtime, if these requirements are disregarded, parents will be notified. If the college administration becomes aware that a student driver has broken road rules or driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner on the way to or from school, police will be notified. The health and safety of all students is a college priority and is one of the four key areas of the College Code of Conduct and we are very clear about our School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations of students in the community.

A reminder to parents and students who ride bikes to school that it is a legal requirement for all riders to wear helmets. Bicycle helmets became compulsory in Victoria on 1 July 1990. By law, Victorians must wear a helmet that has been approved to Australian Standards. The law applies on roads, bike paths, and bicycle lanes, shared and segregated footways and in other public places such as recreational parks and car parks.

Bicycle helmets save lives and lower the severity of injuries

The college is concerned that a number of students are riding to school without helmets and putting themselves at risk of serious injury. Please ensure that if your child is riding to school that they are wearing a helmet.

Students please use the crossing when crossing Boardwalk Boulevard from the bus stop to the school entrance, and when crossing Dunnings Road from the Point Cook town centre. The crossings are there for your safety and it would be terrible if one of our students was involved in an accident.

Enjoy the end of semester break and we look forward to seeing everybody back at PCSSC safely at the start of term three.

Chris Mooney



PISA

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) will be taking place at Point Cook Senior Secondary College on August 29. PISA assesses students' skill and knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and financial literacy. Students from across the globe will be participating in the test during Term 3. The data is then used to identify areas that need improvement within the Australian education system. PISA has selected approximately 30 students primarily in Year 10 to take part in the testing. Students who have been nominated will be informed early Term 3. All nominated students are expected to participate. Students who are participating are representing Australia in an educational context and their participation is essential to the success of the programme.

Further details will be available early next term.

Trish Walker
Curriculum and Programs Leader

New layout for semester reports

At PCSSC we constantly try to provide parents with up to date and relevant information about student progress. In line with this aim we recently undertook a review of our reporting methods, in particular, the format of semester reports. To simplify the comments and provide a more succinct and accurate picture of student achievement we have altered the way comments are presented. The changes are in response to staff and parent surveys conducted in early 2018 as well as considering how other senior schools are developing their methods of reporting while taking into account the demographics of our school community.

The new report layout will display your child's progress against learning behaviours necessary for achievement and improvement specific to each subject, in line with the PCSSC Learning Cycle and SWPBS, in a more structured manner. This layout will enable you to more readily grasp information on your child's areas of strengths and ways in which your child can improve, in a more useful, beneficial and meaningful way.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the semester reports are only one way of summarizing your child's progress at the end of each semester. This is in addition to the progress reports throughout the semester, as well as parent/student/teacher interviews twice a year. As usual, your child's subject and Advisory teachers are always available for further feedback, and communication through can be made through the Compass parent portal.

Bravery Award

"On Tuesday June 26 we had 2 officers from Victoria Police attend our assembly to present a bravery award to Olivia Conder of year 10. Olivia recently displayed great bravery and calmness under extremely difficult circumstances. Her quick thinking helped not only her and her family but has significantly contributed to our community being a safer place. It's great to see our PCSSC students being responsible and outstanding members of the community."

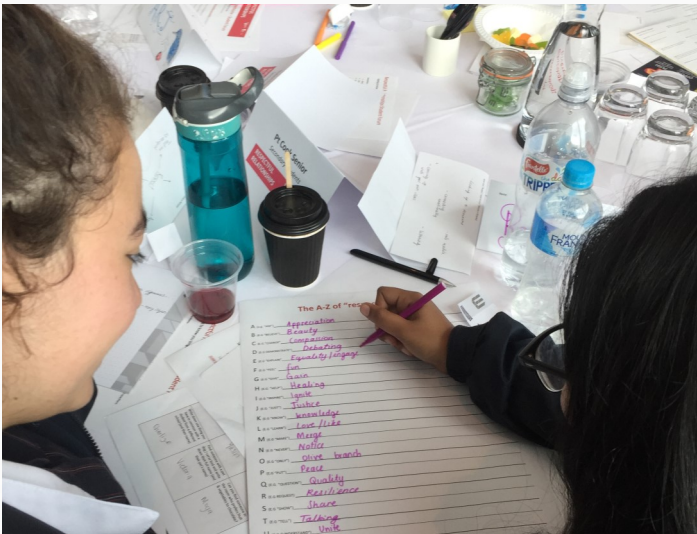




SWPBS – Motivating and maintaining good study habits at home

At Point Cook Senior the value words that describe the expectations for behaviour are respect, effort and responsibility. At home we value students putting in effort into their learning as we do when students are in the classroom.

We understand that by the time students are in Year 10 and VCE/VCAL it becomes increasingly difficult to help students with work as subject knowledge becomes very specific. As parents, there is great value in encouraging and reminding your child to be an active learner at home by regularly revising notes taken in class. Setting up a regular routine at home and working together to incorporate time for study as part of the evening activities. The other important role that parents can have is to provide a quiet place that is suitable for productive study and recognising and celebrating success.



Respectful Relationships

On Monday, the 21 May, a group of student leaders along with Ms Cambridge, attended a Respectful Relationships Student Forum. Point Cook Senior, along with eight other schools, was chosen as one of the leading schools in the program, and was invited to come learn more about Respectful Relationships and why it's important. Respectful Relationships is a state government initiative which aims to increase awareness in schools about having positive and healthy relationships with peers and the community. As the student leaders for Respectful Relationships at Point Cook Senior we learnt vital information about what it takes to not just be a leader, but to be a respectful member of the school community.

Our program initiated with a short 'Getting to Know You' bingo activity, allowing us to make short introductions with others attending the forum. After that, we began discussing what Respectful Relationships are, such as what they look, sound and feel like. We identified our strengths and weaknesses as leaders and ways in which we can promote respectful relationships through our roles. Interactive activities such as the 'Robot and Controller Game' and 'Mirror Game', both of which allowed us to perceive a mild variation of emotions we would experience in both healthy and unhealthy relationships. Information was also provided on where to go for help and assistance regarding harmful relationships and advice for what to do when in one.

The Respectful Relationship Student Forum was informative and helped us to understand what is expected of us as school leaders. Connecting us with other students across Wyndham meant we got to know students who were both primary and secondary leaders. We were put out of our comfort zone multiple times, but some activities brought out our creative side, leading us to bond with other students as well as each other. This forum left us with new ideas and knowledge that we could bring back to the school and the community. As new students to the school, it's a great feeling when you can bring something new to the school.



Adaa, Radhe, Iris, Codan, Rashini, and Isabella



Respectful Relationships Parent Information Night

We held a Respectful Relationships parent information session on Wednesday 21 June where we explained the purpose of the program; to build resilience in students and to develop students' abilities to have respectful relationships in the community.

Parents and students participated in a number of activities such as 'The Wright Family' where a scenario was read and participants were asked how they felt as they participate and how they could manage their stress.

We asked parents and students to reflect upon their own personal strengths and the strengths of people they admired; to reflect on the positive strengths we have. Words such as honest, reliable, loyal, trust worthy and supportive were commonly mentioned.

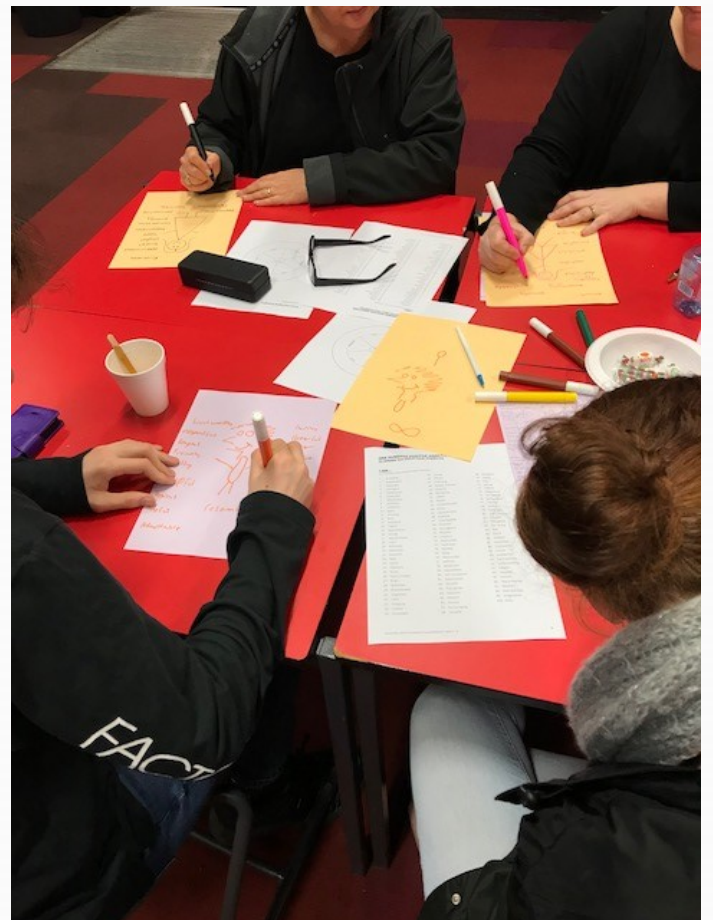
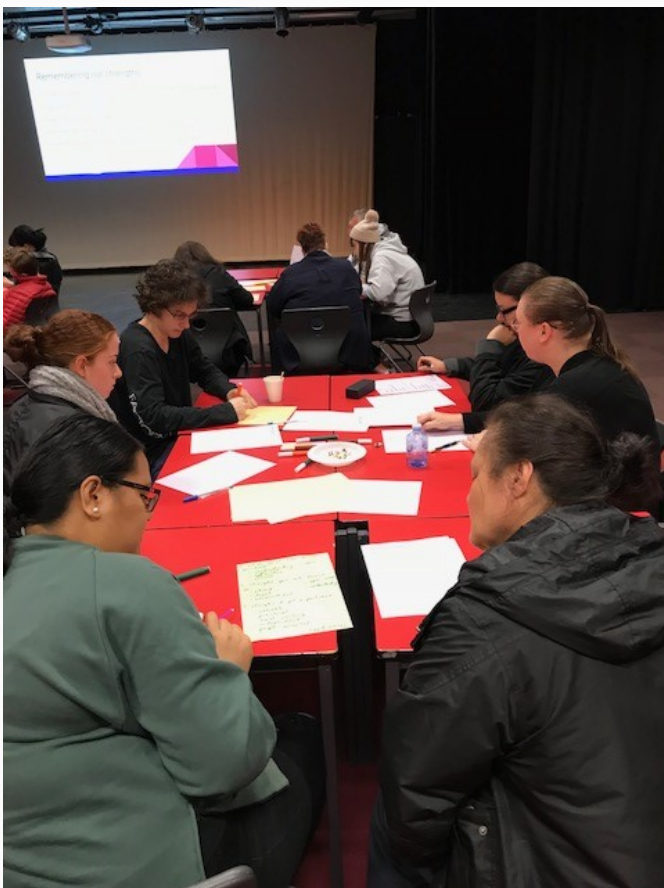
Parent feedback

"Great idea. This course will teach the students valuable life skills. Look forward to more sessions."

"Enjoyed interactive presentation."

"A thoughtful presentation."

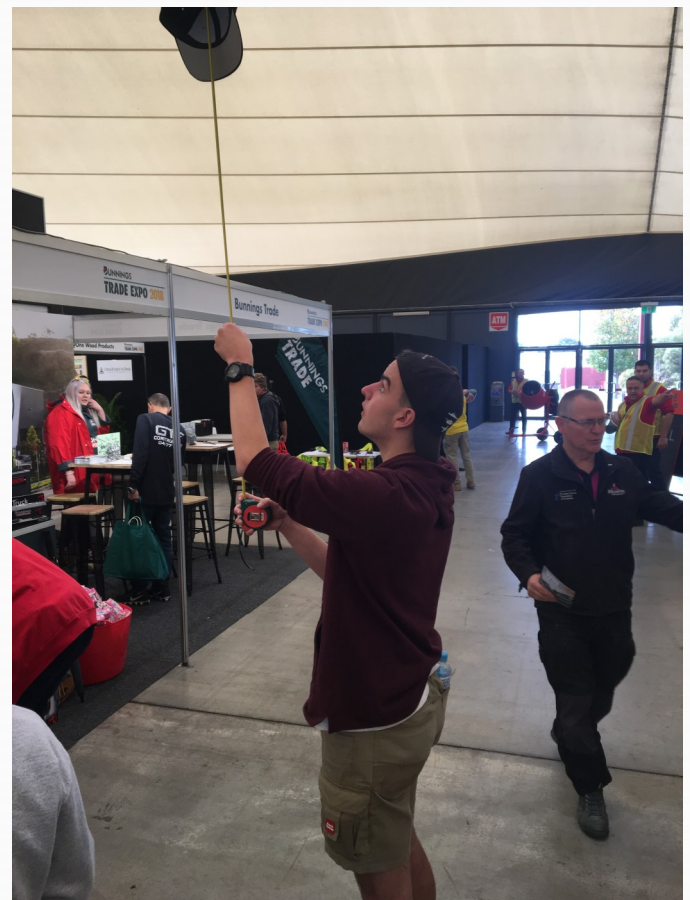
Thank you to the parents and students who attended.
Bronwyn Cambridge





Building and Construction VET

On the 29th May, students studying Building & Construction attended the Bunnings Trade show at the Royal Showgrounds. The 2nd year students had the opportunity to meet over 90 trade suppliers, watch hands-on demonstrations and apply their classroom knowledge into the real world. The students had the opportunity to enter fun competitions and form partnerships with experienced trades people while also taking home some products donated by the companies on display. Thanks to Antony Davies our trainer for organising the event, and to Mr Flannery for driving us on the bus.



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Year 11 Bridging EAL

On the 9th of May, as a part of our learning program in Bridging English, we visited Priya Indian restaurant as a class with our teacher. Our aim was to write a restaurant review using the persuasive language features we have been learning about this term.

Priya is an Indian restaurant in the Point Cook Town Centre which serves not only Indian food but also a mixture of traditional Asian dishes that have been cooked in a modern way. Priya is a very inviting and light-filled place and as customers walk in they can revel in the peaceful music and feel as they have been transported to India since the restaurant is well-decorated with such an attractive pieces of art that represent the traditions and the remarkable figures across the history of the country.



As we made our entrance, the waiters welcomed us with a smile and provided us with menus as well as a smaller menu for lunch. Afterwards the waiters took our orders and while waiting we noticed a couple of details that the tables were adorned with things such as napkins, glasses, cutlery and amazing murals on the walls. The second feature which we really liked was that the waitress handled the plates without actually touching them but instead using napkins. It was great to see the care taken that there was no direct contact between her hands and the plates in order to prevent any contamination. The plates arrived warm straight out of the dishwasher, to keep the food hot as long as possible.

Many of us ordered Chicken Makhani which is also known as Butter Chicken along with the Naan bread which was a perfect combination. Very delicious. The chicken was tender and it just melted in your mouth. The Naan bread was also cooked to perfection, it really complimented the Chicken Makhani well. Many of us also ordered one of their specials drinks called "Lassi" which is made from yoghurt. This could also go into a dessert category because it had a sweet flavour.

Apart from waiting a little longer than I expected, the food was incredibly delicious and servings were generous. Overall the workers

at the restaurant were welcoming and polite. It is an amazing place for Indian food lovers and we will definitely find a time soon for our next visit.

Chef Balkrishan's, owner of Priya, persistence in creating authentic Indian cuisine in Australia this has definitely paid off. He has become the definition of high-class service with five star dishes.

ABC Radio 'Fight Sami'

Laura Newman and Kyla Cañares visited ABC Radio's Southbank office to partake in a breakfast radio segment called 'Fight Sami' where high school students debate the adult radio host Sami Shah. The debate topic was 'humans shouldn't try to contact aliens' with Kyla being on the affirmative and Sami on the negative. Overall, it was a zesty debate with a good serving of lively banter. Special thanks to the fantastic Nicole Marie for organising the excursion!

Regards,
Kyla





Biggest morning tea article

On the 31st of May 2018 the year 12 VCAL students all took part in organising and planning the biggest morning tea for the Point Cook Senior faculty. We did this to raise money for and support the Cancer council. In order to be successful in this task we divided into a number of teams with different purposes which all contributed to the task. These teams consisted of the Cooks, Decorations/setup, allergy control, Promotions, ICT, Photography, Communications, Donations, and Clean up. We were also required to contact and gain assistance from different staff to purchase materials used for the event.



Angie Stanton represents PCSSC at Wynspeak Competition

On Tuesday the 28th of May, Angie Stanton of 11A represented Point Cook Senior at the Wynspeak Public Speaking competition. Her prepared speech, titled 'Everything Happens for a Reason', was a delightful mix of personal anecdotes, references to films and real world events. Angie spoke with confidence and poise and her speech was highly engaging. Although she did not win this time, she represented Point Cook Senior in an exemplary manner and we are so proud of her achievement. Well done Angie! Here's what she had to say about the event:

"I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to compete in Wynspeak again, this time representing Point Cook Senior. From my previous experience, I knew what to expect and was able to walk in with full confidence. It was very insightful to be able to spectate the Junior competition and see the issues that are important to the younger generation of today. Although I was not placed into the finals, I wasn't disheartened. It was great to be able to build on my skills with the support of current teachers, past teachers and friends who had made the effort to come out and watch my speech. All I can say now is that I have a year to create a fabulous speech to compete with for 2019!"



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Semester One Science Fair 2018

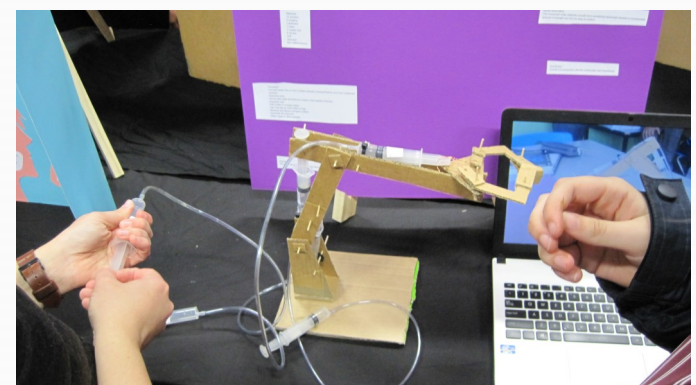
The 30th of May PCSSC kicked off the first Science Fair of the 2018. There was plenty to get involve with. There were many Science Fair displays, and a Melbourne University PST assisted with science demonstrations. We had plenty of visitors stop by to show their support toward the hard work that students 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 Keeane, Klay and Cleo with their *Bacteria* experiment. Second place went to Jesse, Paige and Francois for their *Salt Bridge over Water* experiment. Third place went to Jarred, Alex M and Holly for their *Glue* experiment.

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

Melissa Chapman, Science Learning Area Leader





WRICA Careers Excursion

On the 17th of May, Point Cook Senior Secondary College participated in the WRICA careers event where students got to walk around and obtain free and enjoyable items while having the opportunity to learn about different universities/ TAFE courses and subjects required for our future interests.

On the day we went around to our main point of interests and spoke to the people that were around each booth to assist us. We had the opportunity to seek bonuses (of going to the university) , possible scores and subjects required (from year 12) and new fields that we could have potentially not have known about that has inspired us to furthermore investigate the courses. There were universities, all the ones in Melbourne including Melbourne university, there were TAFE courses and pathways that provide the best way for you to ensure success. They had music schools and courses you could take and people on the actual job (with job experience) such as Police Officers for the best insight. The WRICA careers event was held at the Werribee Race Course.

As students got to walk around, they also received brochures and booklets containing all the information about courses they needed, pathways and degrees you could aim for and the results your future can hold after graduating from university. Some booklets also contained jobs that have increased employment rates and jobs that are becoming 'the future'. (Solely focused on I.T, and drones)

While students in year 10 got to learn about all that at once, we did also get free gifts from some of the booths such as lollies, stationery, phone holders, sun glasses and bags.

Thank you for reading-

Yours sincerely, Michael Balozan, 10H



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SWIMMING SUCCESSES

Year 10 student Sophia Potter has continued her successful year in the pool following her national competition in Canberra where she swam many personal bests and improved her national ranking.

She has now been added to the 15/16 girls team for the School Sport swimming championships in Hobart Tasmania in July. Her events will be 100m & 200m Breaststroke.

The school community wishes Sophia all the best for this upcoming competition.



Athletics Trials

The Point Cook Senior Athletics Trials were held on Friday the 22nd of June at Newport Athletics Track. It was a sunny day with no wind which meant perfect conditions for all of the runs, jumps and throws. Students competed across a range of disciplines in track ranging from 100m-1500m and in jumping and throwing field events. All students who attended on the day are acknowledged for their fantastic participation and effort shown towards all events. A number of

students participated in nearly every event on the day. They were also very supportive and encouraging of one another with lots of cheers going around! A big thank you goes to the four staff members who helped out on the day as well as those students who aided staff on their events. There will be a team of students heading off to the Hobsons Bay Division Athletics Competition in term 3.

Finally, the most outstanding athlete for 2018 in each year level was awarded to:

Year 10 Boy: Heinrich Balbuena

Year 10 Girl: Soumeya Biao

Year 11 Boy: Cassius White

Year 11 Girl: Jemi Banson

Year 12 Boy: John Alfred

Year 12 Girl: Madelyn Murtagh



Cross Country

In May, 15 students travelled to 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. We had four students from this event which progressed onto the next stage.

On Thursday the 21st June, 4 students competed in the regional cross country event held at Brimbank Park. Three year 10 boys were in the same 5km race including Heinrich Balbuena, Ben Walker and Tomai Padlie-Ellison. All boys tried their hardest with Ben finishing in the top 25 and Heinrich finishing in 11th place – one spot of making the state finals which is a great effort. Sean Sturrock ran in the 5km event after these boys. Sean also finished in the top 25 and represented our school in a fantastic way, showing effort and dedication. Congratulations goes to all competitors in both athletics and cross country.

Brianna Bunworth



Senior Volleyball team won silver at the 2018 Western Region Volleyball Championships.

Players performed exceptionally well over the course of the day on Sunday 17th June. To win silver is a huge accomplishment for the team and players have been working hard all year to achieve outstanding results.

In the third game, players were moved out of their normal positions on court due to captain and setter Leiron Santos unfortunately becoming injured before third game. Even in these unfamiliar positions the team proved versatile and resilient and went on to claim the silver.



Senior Boy Netball

On the 28th May, the Senior Boys Netball Team travelled to Altona Basketball / Netball Stadium to compete in the Hobson's Bay Boys Netball Competition. Previous to this, the boys had trained for 2 months every Wednesday night under the watchful eye of Mr Flannery. While in training, the boys also competed against their teachers in a friendly netball match after school in Week 5. On the day, the boys performed well, but unfortunately lost to Williamstown High School. The score was a respectable 6 – 19. In training and while playing, all boys demonstrated the school values of Respect, Effort and Responsibility and must be commended for their dedication and enthusiasm.



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SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS 2018

Congratulations to the following students, who were top achievers in their subjects for Semester 1, 2018.

YEAR 10 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

English

English Kirsten Canares
English (EAL) Anny Liu
Intensive EAL Sagal Hirsi Halas

Mathematics & Science

Mathematics Radhe Parasram
Advanced Mathematics Jumaan Shehna
Science Melinda Shipp
Advanced Science Iris Pavlidi

History & PE

History Tiba Sabri
Physical Education Lexi Withers
Introduction to Business Studies Breanna Cornell

The Arts & Technology

Graphic Design Damien Kilgour
Media Charley McClean
Woodwork Mark Spiteri
Food Studies Bailey Deal
Dance Sakeenah Ahmed

Accelerated & Extension subjects

General Mathematics Anny Liu
Psychoogy Ella Nicholson

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

English

English Heidi Rasmussen
English as an Additional Language Faten Abba
English Language Trini Lee
Bridging EAL Nasma Wahbalbari
Literature Chloe Robinson

Mathematics

General Mathematics Mandy Loo
Mathematical Methods Jingran Zhu
Specialist Mathematics Jingran Zhu

Science

Biology Heidi Rasmussen
Chemistry Heidi Rasmussen
Physics Aditya Vadgama
Psychology Lara Laurencio

Business & Humanities

Accounting Marcus Mifsud
Business Management Briana Lang
Legal Studies Mila Dimitrijevic
Twentieth Century History Amenah Sabri
Computing Jesse Lyon

Health & PE

Health and Human Development Mandy Loo
Outdoor and Environmental Studies Sioane Pohatu
Physical Education Harshanti Reddy

The Arts & Technology

Media Adam Coustley
Visual Communication Design Chloe Robinson
Product Design and Technology [T] Chloe Robinson
Product Design and Technology [W] Jayden Bonello
Food Studies Adam Htaik

Intermediate Applied Learning

Personal Development Skills Brandan Robinson
Work Related Skills Tyler Kolyniuk



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, 2018.

High performance in one subject

- Alina Arshad
- Hazem Azcoul
- Emily Bassett
- Kaitlyn Beeby
- Renee Bell
- Kimberleigh Draper
- Samuel Edmonds-Benic
- Callum Farmer
- Brooke Hanna
- Robyn Hokai
- Angelina Ieng
- Maryam Khan
- Alexandra Kotsiofis
- Madeline Lamb
- Jaydon Lay
- Shayne McAteer
- Paige McClean
- Cailyn Montalto
- Tarrick Moodley
- Nurul'Ain Syazwani
Muhammad Sanusi
- Carle Myors-Moore
- Emma Nettelbeck
- Tony Nguyen
- Samuel Rajabu
- Lucy Ringia
- Hannah Russell
- Bella Saddik
- Riya Sangra
- Leiron Santos
- Neil Shankar
- Sumati Sumanam
- Milena Volkov
- Benny Yang
- Jasper Zhang
- Lucy Zhu

High performance in two subjects

- Jasmine Anusornchonsaree
- Kyla Canares
- Charlie Epps
- Rachel Lam
- Karmen Liaw
- Zoya Osborne
- Daniel Torres

High performance in three subjects

- Holly Aitken
- Archie Archie
- Aericka Bou
- Paul Calabro
- Tamara Douthat
- Cassandra Lariche
- Malina Leu
- Nick Parnis
- Rose Thwin
- Kayla Van Staden

High performance in four subjects

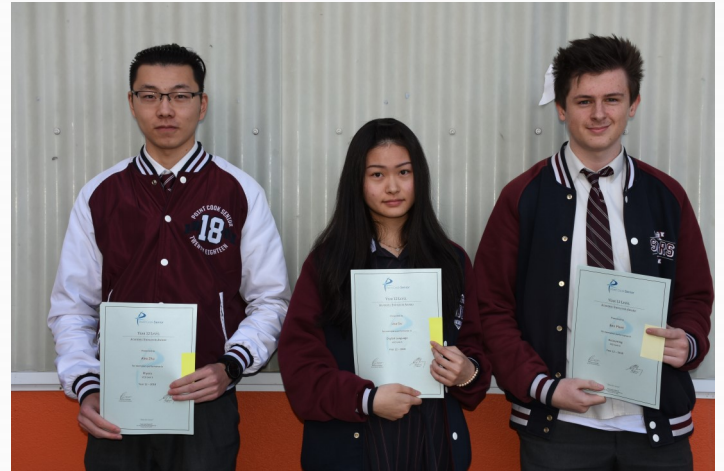
- Lisa Gu
- Alex Zhu

High performance in five subjects

- Ben Plant



YEAR 10 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



Year 12 high performance in four and five subjects



YEAR 11 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



Athletics Carnival Top Performance



YEAR 12 ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

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Breakfast Club - All Welcome

Where: Room 312

When: Fridays

Time : 8.00am - 8.30am

Our Breakfast Program has now been running for 8 years. We have been beneficial 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.

The PCSSC Breakfast club recently received a commitment of ongoing support from Steven Spiteri and Joanne Axiak at YPA Real Estate Point Cook. They have generously donated breakfast items and items that will be used to provide disadvantaged students with pre packed lunches daily. Without the support of community partners like YPA Real Estate Point Cook the Breakfast Club would not be able to provide health and wellbeing support to those students in need. We would like to thank them and acknowledge their community spirit.



Point Cook Senior Secondary College would also like to sincerely thank the YPA Estate Agent Point Cook for their support towards our Breakfast Program.





Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC)

This year all the year 10 students have been signed up for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. They are challenge to read 15 books and have them logged by September 7th 2018. We have uploaded an event to Compass requesting parents' consent for students to have their name published in the Online Honour Roll. Consent is needed by July 30th, if you do not provide consent your child's name will not be listed.

You can find more information about the Premiers' Reading Challenge at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc>

E-books and Audiobooks

We have an online subscription for eBooks and audiobooks aimed at Australian high school students through wheelers eplatform. Students can borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the online platform pointcooksenior.wheelers.co or they can download the ePlatform app for their apple or android phone (preferably over Wi-Fi to minimise data charges)

Students can login to the platform with the same log in they use for Compass.

Overdue and lost books

We are in the middle of the 2018 year and there a few items overdue. Could parents please check with their student/s for overdue items. Should there be an item overdue that has been misplaced you can come into the school and pay a fee for the current value of a replacement copy.

An email of student overdue items was sent out this week to the main family contact email address.

We appreciate your help in keeping our collection available for all.

Zoe-Maree White
Library



College botanical environment design concept diagram



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:

go to the College's homepage www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au and click on the Compass Portal icon.



Compass Portal

Click here to login to the Point Cook Senior
Compass Portal

or directly go to Compass login:

<https://pointcooksenior.vic.jdlf.com.au/Login.aspx>

Point Cook Senior Secondary College

Remember me

Can't access your account?

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.



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.

Volunteer needed to help out at the college

An Invitation to Parents/Guardians. If you have time to volunteer in our College Library for few hours during the week, please phone Julie on 9395 9271. All volunteers will need to obtain a "working with children's check". The school can assist you with this process.

CUBBY HOUSES FOR SALE



Two cubby houses cost \$600 each.
Built by Building and Construction students,
dismantled and packed ready to collect.
If interested please call Julie George
on 9395 9271

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3:

16 Jul – Term 3 Commences

25 Jul – Y10 into Y11 Parent Information Evening

27 Jul – Advisory Orientation Program Day 2

1 Aug – Year 10 Course Confirmation Day

1 Aug – Y11 into Y12 Parent Information Evening

3 Aug – Y10 into Y11 Course Selection Forms Due

8 Aug – Y9 into Y10 Open Night

10 Aug – Y11 into Y12 Course Selection Forms Due

14 Aug – Y12 VTAC Parent Information Evening

15 Aug – AVID/STAMP/AFL Programs Info Evening

23 Aug – Curriculum Day

24 Aug – Y9 into Y10 Course Selection Forms Due

17 - 21 Sep – Year 12 Practice Exams

20 Sep – Parent/Teacher Interviews evening

21 Sep – Parent/Teacher Interviews morning

21 Sep – Term 3 Ends

08 Oct – Term 4 Commences

01 Nov – Year 12 Exams Commence (English)

06 Nov – Melbourne Cup Day

05 - 09 Nov – Year 11 Revision Week

12 - 16 Nov – Year 10 Revision Week

21 Nov – Year 12 Exams Conclude

YEAR 10 QLD CAMP

Year 10 QLD Camp deposit date has been extended through to Sunday 22 July
Payments can be paid on Compass

Camp Dates: Tuesday 13th November till Friday 16th November

Deposit will be returned for any reason the camp needs to be cancelled otherwise deposits are non refundable.

Total payment of \$1,025 includes; flights, transport, accommodation at ‘Super Sports Centre’
(Breakfast and dinner included) and entry to three Theme Parks.



Dear Parents and Year 12 Students

As our school year comes to an end, we are planning to celebrate three great years at Point Cook Senior Secondary College and thirteen years of schooling. To do this we will be holding a Valedictory Dinner as a celebration of completing secondary schooling, with family members and fellow students.

The 2018 Valedictory Dinner is to be held at: **Mooney Valley Racecourse**, McPherson St, Mooney Ponds. The event will take place on **Thursday 22 November, 2018** from 6:45pm to 12:00am. Tickets are **\$110** per person. The dress code is formal.

The ticket will include a three-course meal, soft drinks, security, DJ, photo-booth and memories of the last official event of the school year. Alcohol may be purchased at the bar.

At this stage the maximum number of tickets per student is three. More tickets will be released at a later date, as some students may not require three tickets.

It should be realised that the guest list is at the discretion of the College, and that ticket requests for ex-students, students from other year levels or partners may or may not be considered.

Please also be aware that School Council Policy requires all subject fees be paid in full before any payments are accepted for extra-curricular activities. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact Karen on 9395 9271.

In order to guarantee tickets, the 'Request for Tickets' form must be completed by July 27. Upon having the request for tickets approved, full payment is due via Compass Valedictory Event. A second round of ticket offers will be released in Term 4.

The request for ticket form can be found here at <https://tinyurl.com/2018valrequest>

Due date for full payment of tickets – September 22

Notification will be made through Compass during the school holidays informing you of the release of more tickets.

Any questions, please contact Joel Crothers or Bryce Flannery at the school on 9395 9271.

I hope you will join us in this celebration.

Yours sincerely



**Joel Crothers
Year 12 Team Leader**



**Christopher Mooney
Principal**

Introduction to Compass

Our school Parent Portal

What does Compass do for me?

Using Compass allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's progress and semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in your smart phone app store.

Every family receives a separate login to Compass which will be provided to you by our school. To access the parent portal, go to our school website <http://pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au> and click the Compass link on the homepage.

Alternatively, if you are having trouble finding the Compass link you can go to <http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for and find our school's direct URL.

Logging in to Compass

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by our school.

Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by our school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

If you have lost your details or forgotten your password, you can contact the school to recover your password.

The Compass home screen

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile

School Calendar
View details of upcoming events, your child's timetable and other relevant school-wide activities.

Your children
Provides you with a quick summary of available options and highlights a summary of upcoming and overdue tasks.

To access more information click on the relevant quick link or select Profile to access detailed information about your child.

The screenshot shows the Compass parent portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon, a user profile icon for 'Mr Sirius BLACK', and a settings gear icon. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the Hogwarts P-12 Portal' and includes a welcome message and a list of quick links for each child. The first child listed is 'Harry POTTER', with links for Profile, Send email, Add Attendance Note, View Academic Reports, Book Parent Teacher Interviews, and Overdue learning tasks. A 'My News' section contains three alerts: 'Course Confirmation/School Payments', 'Event Consent/Payment Required', and 'Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required'. A 'Winners!' section congratulates the Quidditch Team. The bottom of the page features a 'School Calendar' link and a 'Main Menu' link.

Main Menu

Allows you to access other Compass and school resources. The tools icon allows you to update your contact details and change your password.

Alerts

Custom notifications for items that require your action or attention. These may include excursion notifications, ordering options for school photos, absence notifications, surveys, student report availability and more.

News

Recent school news items and information relevant to you. This may include newsletters, details of upcoming events and much more.

Attendance: Summary

Using Compass you can view up-to-date attendance information for your child.

To view your child's attendance, click on the Profile link on the homepage and click the Attendance tab.

Notes/Approvals

This sub-tab provides a comprehensive list of attendance explanations for your child. From this tab you can also add absence notices (both past and future).

Unexplained

This sub-tab provides a list of all unexplained absences and lates from class. From this tab you can click to approve specific absences.

Daily Snapshot

Provides a quick snapshot of today's classes and your child's attendance marking.

Attendance Summary

Includes a summary of attendance in each class. For full details about a specific absence, click the appropriate number in the grid. For an explanation of a heading item, hover your mouse over the heading of interest.

When students are marked 'Not Present' in class this can sit in one of three different categories. These include:

- NP SchL** - Not present in class and is explained by a school related activity.
- NP Parnt** - Not present in class and is explained by a parent note.
- NP Unap** - Not present in class with no explanation entered.

Attendance: Adding an Attendance Note/Approval

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From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the 'Add Attendance Note/Approval' item.

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- From the pop-up window,
- Select the reason
 - Enter a brief description of the absence
 - Select the start and finish time
 - Click the 'Save' button.

Note:

Where possible, notes should be entered prior to the absence occurring.

Events: Consent and Payments

Using Compass you can approve and pay for your child to attend excursions and other activities that require your approval.

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From the Compass home screen, click on the event alert under 'My News' (screenshot 1) or navigate to 'Events' under the Organisation menu item (screenshot 2).

Screenshot 1

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From the Events page a list of upcoming events and excursions will be displayed. Click the red 'Process Now' button to provide consent and/or payment (depending upon what the event requires).

Screenshot 2

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An online payment/consent form will be displayed. Complete all highlighted fields and click the 'Submit Details' button.

Note: If the event has a requirement for both consent and payment, these cannot be done separately. Should you need to provide payment or consent separately, please click 'Print Form (Offline)' to complete the process manually.



Year 11 Student Leadership Team - 2018

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