



Point Cook Senior

# ***TERM 2 Newsletter***

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



**4th Edition  
25th June 2021**

address: Cnr Boardwalk Boulevard & Bergamot Drive, Point Cook, Vic, 3030  
postal: PO Box 6520, Point Cook, Vic, 3030

# 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**

### COVID-19 Lockdown 4

Once again, our school community was forced into lockdown during the final week of May and the first week of June. Our staff, students and school community reverted to on-line learning without any major barriers, and I would like to express how proud I am that we did this so seamlessly when I know the enormous amount of work that goes into enabling remote learning to occur.

The lockdown caused significant disruption for Year 12 students who had been preparing for the GAT on Wednesday June 9. This was postponed to Thursday 29 July, which is in Week 3 of next term.

It was with a great deal of relief that Year 11 and 12 students were permitted to return to school and we were able to proceed with our scheduled Semester 1 exams and assessments. It was also a relief to have the Year 10 students recommence on-site learning on Friday 11 June.

We have not been able to run any sporting or extracurricular activities since the last newsletter which is very disappointing as I know that our students value these activities.

Our Semester 1 Assessment Day on Tuesday June 15 ran as scheduled and we will have our Semester 1 reports out to parents and students by the end of term.

The attitude of our staff and students continues to give me strength in these difficult and challenging time, they have demonstrated the meaning of resilience, persistence and commitment. These are words that are often used when we try to inspire, but throughout 2020 and 2021 I have seen these attributes demonstrated in ways that I would have struggled to describe previously. It is humbling to work in an environment like Point Cook Senior Secondary College and see this daily.

Please remember that the teachers and students in Years 11 & 12 at PCSSC have been coming to work daily while the rest of the community has been locked down and have continued to strive for success despite the challenges they have faced. Well done on your effort and endeavour.

The last week of term is Gratitude week. It's been a difficult and challenging term, so what better way to end it than to say thanks to our colleagues and friends for supporting us through it all?

Through all of this week, the SRC members will be in the LRC during lunch, and they will have postcards available for staff and students who wish to send a message of thanks, which will be delivered by the SRC during Advisory this week. For an additional dollar, you can attach a Freddo Frog or bag of Skittles to go along with your message, with the money raised going to [Save The Children](#). Thank you to the student leaders and Ms Doh.

- Christopher Mooney  
Principal



# WINTER HUDDLE HOLIDAYS

**FREE!**  
BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL

The perfect holiday program for 8-18 year olds *Transport + lunch provided!*

## JUNIOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS



### Reptile Encounters at The Huddle

Tues 29/06/21  
The Huddle, Arden St  
12.00pm - 3.00pm



### Ice Skating + Melbourne Star

Thurs 01/07/21  
The Huddle, Arden St  
10.00am - 2.30pm



### Snow Trip

Tues 06/07/21  
The Huddle, Arden St  
8.00am - 6.00pm  
*Strictly 8-12 year olds only*



### Huddle Picnic

Thurs 08/07/21  
North Melbourne  
Community Centre  
12pm - 3pm  
Everyone welcome!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## SENIOR 13-18 YEAR OLDS



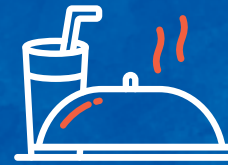
### Barista Course

Wed 30/06/21  
The Huddle, Arden St  
11am - 3pm



### Volleyball Tournament

Fri 02/07/21  
Eagle Stadium, Werribee  
10am - 3pm



### Professional Waiter Course

Wed 07/07/21  
The Huddle, Arden Street  
11am - 3pm



### Huddle Picnic

Thurs 08/07/21  
The Venny, JJ Holland Park  
12pm - 3pm  
Everyone welcome!



### League Gala Day

Fri 09/07/21  
The Grange P-12  
(Deloraine Campus)  
11am - 2pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

*\*Please note, activities are subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions.  
Alternative options will be arranged if and when appropriate.*

E. huddle@nmfc.com.au



@huddlenmfc



# SWPBS Tally Update

## The Year Level Tally of SWPBS Points

| 3rd Place   | 2nd Place   | 1st Place   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 12     | Year 10     | Year 11     |
| 1072 points | 1600 points | 1648 points |

## The House Tally of SWPBS Points

| 4th Place  | 1st Place   | 3rd Place   | 2nd Place   |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Demons     | Dragons     | Iroquois    | Sabres      |
| 924 points | 1194 points | 1029 points | 1174 points |

**Reminder to all students – check your SWPBS points balance!**  
**Have you earned enough to redeem a reward you have had your eye on?**  
 See Mrs D'Lima if you are ready to redeem.



**Congratulations to Christophe Lee of 11H for earning enough points to redeem a SWPBS reward!**

**Well done Christophe.**

**- Mrs D'Lima**



**Do you have any suggestions or feedback you would like to share?**  
[Complete the Google Form here](#)

# Community Updates

## UPDATE FROM THE LRC

Hi there!  
We'd just like to check in and let you know about the great new fiction titles we've added to the library collection over the past few months. Below is a list of the most recent additions.  
Happy reading!

- 'The Sky So Heavy' by Claire Zorn
- 'Boy Swallows Universe' by Trent Dalton
- 'Inferno' by Dan Brown
- 'Origin' by Dan Brown
- 'Instructions For Dancing' by Nicola Yoon
- '100 Remarkable Feats of Xander Maze' by Clayton Zane Comber
- 'One Hundred Days' by Alice Pung
- 'Echo In The Memory' by Cameron Nunn
- 'The Lucky List' by Rachel Lippincott

Also, just a reminder to check out our Instagram page ([pcssclrc](#)) for all the latest library news. Take care. ☺

Regards,  
Maxim & Deborah (LRC staff)

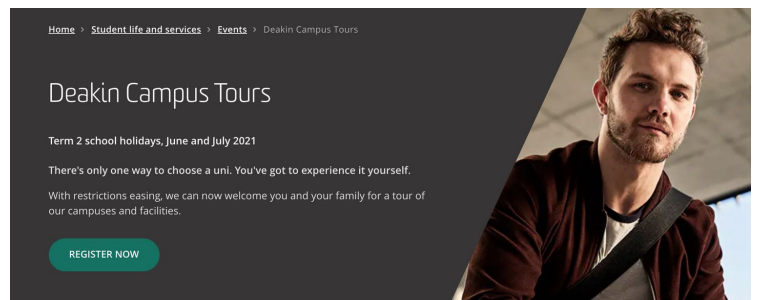


## CAREERS INFO

### Deakin Campus Tours

Deakin will be running campus tours during the Term 2 school holidays.

Find out more & register [here](#).



## Year 12 Up & Coming Events

- PCSSC School Visits
- July 14 - Victoria University
- July 21 - La Trobe University
- July 22 - VCE excursion to Deakin University

## ACU Exam Prep Webinars - August 7-8:30pm

Webinars for the following subjects are available: English, Math Methods, Business Management, Health & Human Development and Legal Studies

Register at this [link here](#).

## BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM REMINDER

Don't forget to bring in your empty bread bags – any brand - and their tags and place them in the boxes next to the Compass Kiosk in the foyer at the front office. The more bread bags and tags we collect, the more sports equipment we redeem from RH Sports!

- Mrs D'Lima

together we are creating a healthy school

achievement program



LET'S GET RECYCLING!

BRING IN YOUR BAGS BEFORE JULY 16TH!



## Radio Astronomy - The Invisible Universe

### **A free opportunity for all students.**

The VSSEC Radio Telescope is now available to **all** students in government secondary schools in Victoria.

Take complete control of the telescope to view objects of your choice.

Work by yourself, with a group of friends, or your entire class.

This is the only radio telescope in the world exclusively for school students.

And it's free to use!

Operate the telescope from your own home after school and at weekends.

Radio telescopes work day and night and can see through cloudy skies so time and weather don't matter.

Use the telescope to reveal the hydrogen in space, invisible to human eyes.

View hydrogen clouds (nebulae) in the Milky Way Galaxy, remnants of supernovas (exploding stars) and the centre of the Milky Way.

VSSEC astronomers are here to help.

[More information is here on the VSSEC website.](#)

Or contact Ian Christie at VSSEC

[ian.christie@vssec.vic.edu.au](mailto:ian.christie@vssec.vic.edu.au)



**Victorian Space Science  
Education Centre**



**This program is part of the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series, a new series of FREE high-quality, extension activities for Victorian students.**

# Gellibrand Youth Advisory Committee



*Student leaders Braxton Kalolo & Luke Guastalegname*

Braxton and I had the amazing opportunity of meeting the MP of the Federal Labor Party, Tim Watts, in his Gellibrand Youth Advisory Committee – a gathering of young people around the Division of Gellibrand who have an interest in politics and having our voice heard.

We were lucky to collaborate with other schools across the local area such as Bayside, Emmanuel, and Altona, coming together to push ideas forward into Parliament.

We discussed policies we could change in Parliament, and over the next few weeks, we will be presenting our idea to Parliament on June 7th, such as the school's right to vote on behalf of the education system and going into Parliament to meet with other Ministers of Australia.

We thank Mr. Mooney for this grand opportunity to represent our school to contribute to the Australian Parliament and politics.

**- Luke Guastalegname**  
*Community Captain*

## Bringing About Change

Pursuing the advancement of my school community takes initiative. Courage to accept that life is beyond my interpretation gave me the opportunity to seek the well-being of others other than myself.

A demand for outdoor social collaboration was something I noticed. Initiating this project required a process, which needed persistence.

I am happy that a tangible product of my efforts can be a legacy of inspiration to current and future students!

**Kind regards,**  
**Braxton Kalolo**  
*School Student Councillor*  
*Sabres House Captain*



# Alumni News

## MAKING A CASE FOR A CAREER IN LAW

When students think about a career in law, the first image that often comes to mind is a lawyer passionately arguing a case to a judge and jury.

But jobs in law are many and diverse – and it can be hard for students to get an accurate picture of the sector without access to real-life role models.

That's where Ourschool's alumni program Industry Insights series comes in. Our recent livestream Q&A featured state secondary college graduates from some of our Ourschool-partnered schools, working in different areas of the law:

- **Emma Berry**, intellectual property & trade lawyer at Macpherson Kelley (Fountain Gate Secondary College alum)
- **Samuel Formica**, family lawyer at Cahill & Rowe Family Law (Geelong High School alum)
- **Sanela Osmanovic**, superannuation and financial services senior associate at KHQ Lawyers (North Geelong Secondary College alum)
- **Zoran Petric**, Barrister at the Victorian Bar (McKinnon Secondary College alum)

They spoke about their school days, post-school pathways and what it's really like to be a lawyer. We thank our speakers for generously giving their time to advise and encourage students across our 24 partner schools, including Point Cook Senior Secondary College.

Thanks, too, to our livestream sponsor Slater and Gordon Lawyers and their Practice Group Leader Manisha Blencowe, another guest speaker (and alum of Princes Hill Secondary College), who provided a broad overview of career opportunities in the legal profession.

View a 3-minute snapshot on [Clickview](#). To watch the full Q&A video, please contact your Alumni Program Coordinator, Maria Whitmore at [mwhitmore@ourschool.net.au](mailto:mwhitmore@ourschool.net.au)

*A screen-shot of the Legal Career Pathways livestream Q&A*



Manisha Blencowe - Practice Group Leader



Caroline Milburn - Ourschool Co-founder



Samuel Formica - Family Lawyer



Sanela Osmanovic - Superannuation Lawyer



Emma Berry - Intellectual Property & Trade Lawyer



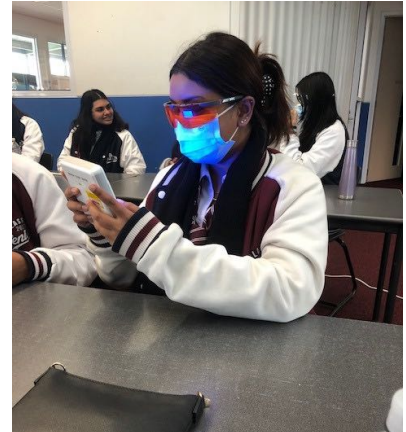
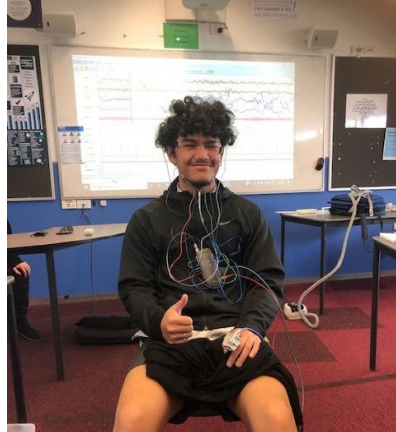
Zoran Petric - Barrister



# Yr 12 Psych Incursion

The three Year 12 Psychology classes enjoyed seeing the Epworth Sleep Lab run an incursion in Week 9.

They have been studying the topic of Consciousness & Sleep and were lucky enough to see some of the aspects of the course in action. One student from each class was connected to an EEG, EMG and EOG and tried to sleep in a break-out room whilst the rest of the class watched their brainwaves, eye movement and muscle movement in real time.



We also had a first hand look at the materials used for Bright Light Therapy and spoke about different sleep disorders and aspects of sleep deprivation.

Finally, we finished off with some sleep hygiene tips so help improve our own individual sleep.

- Ms Bunworth

# Yr 12 Media Excursion



During the school holidays on Wednesday the 7th of April, the Year 12 Media class made their way to ACMI for Top Screen – an annual showing of the top films made by VCE Media students around the state the previous year.

Our Year 12 students were able to see how, despite the year that 2020 was, the creativity of students led to the production of some extremely high quality and entertaining films.

Following the viewing, the students were able to hear from Renee Paxton, the current State Reviewer for Media, who gave some extremely useful tips on how they could also produce the film of their dreams, potentially appearing at Top Screen next year too!

Overall, it was a very fun and useful excursion for the students, thank you all so much for coming out during the school holidays!

- Ms Doh

*together we are creating a  
healthy school*

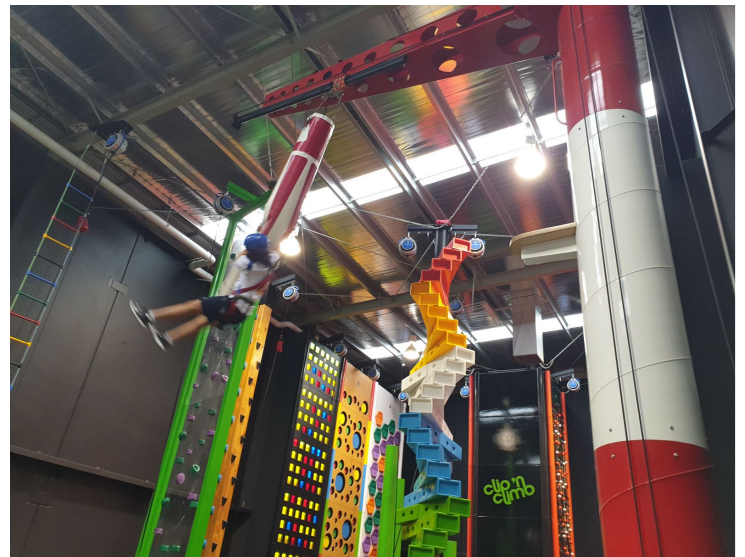
achievement  
program



# Outdoor & Environmental Studies

Outdoor and Environmental Studies students have participated in some exciting excursions this term. Year 12 students learnt to sail in Geelong. The weather conditions were great, providing ample thrills, but without any spills. Year 11 students tested their responses to risk, indoor climbing at Clip n Climb in Altona, even making the Leap of Faith.

- Mr Crothers



# Upcoming changes to the VCAL Program (2022 – 2023)

## Senior secondary certificate reform

Victoria is transforming the delivery of senior secondary education with the introduction of a single senior secondary certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The senior secondary education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.

Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation or the new foundation pathways certificate which will be introduced to replace Foundation VCAL.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including providing:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighboring school or a local TAFE

The new certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

## Course selection in 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements.

Students who are studying Foundation VCAL over multiple years, including in 2022, will transfer into a new foundation pathways certificate in 2023 with credit for completed subjects. These students will study the new foundation subjects and graduate with the foundation pathways certificate.

This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation certificate in 2023.

The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.

## Enrolment options



\* Note: Students can also move between certificates

If you would like to talk further about these changes please contact, Bryce Flannery (VCAL Coordinator) on 9395 9271 or to learn more about Victoria's senior secondary certificate reform, you can email [vcaa.seniorsecondaryreform@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vcaa.seniorsecondaryreform@education.vic.gov.au)

Regards

Christopher Mooney

Principal

Bryce Flannery

VCAL Coordinator

# Yr 12 PDS

Students in year 12 PDS worked in teams to plan and organise a cooked meal for 3-4 people. Students gained and applied nutritional knowledge to cook intricate meals that had to fit within a budget and time constraints. The students displayed an array of employability skills in their execution while working interdependently to achieve their goal.



- Mr McDonald

# Yr 12 WRS Fundraiser

On Thursday, June 24, my Senior WRS class hosted a soup kitchen for Year 12 students and teachers. This was a fundraiser event for The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. We aimed to sell warm soups during Advisory and lunch time and raise money for the homeless.

We worked as a group using our learned OH&S skills to make a variety of soups including chicken, vegetable and pumpkin soup.

We raised \$145 selling over 70 cups of soup and worked really well together to put on a successful event.

- Laura



# Yr 11 WRS

Students in Mrs Koktzidis Year 11 WRS class were practicing their OHS skills while completing their pyrography lessons.

Pyrography or pyrogravure is the free handed art of decorating wood or other materials with burn marks resulting from the controlled application of a heated object such as a poker. It is also known as pokerwork or wood burning. The term means "writing with fire", from the Greek pur and graphos. Students have been working on motivational sayings which will be displayed around the school.



Regards  
Bryce Flannery

# Courage to Care

To support VCAL students' study of the Holocaust, Courage to Care came out to the school on the 25th of May to work with students to understand prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination. A Holocaust survivor talked to the students about her horrific time in France during the war, and about the murder of both her parents in the Auschwitz death camp.

Students were encouraged to be upstanders, rather than bystanders when they see a person being bullied or discriminated against due to their differences. We are very grateful to Courage to Care, who are all volunteers, for giving up their time to come out and work with our students.



- Ms Foot

## Here are some things that students had to say:

*"Just wanted to thank you for sharing your story and experiences during the Holocaust. I know it's not easy sharing an experience like this and I want to wish you nothing but the best in life. Continue to stay strong and persevere through life."*

*"The message was that no one should be treated less than others, and everyone is important. Don't be a bystander, be an upstander!"*

*"I appreciated the time and effort put in and the time that was spent educating us."*

*"Standing up for what's right and doing a small act of kindness can make a big difference."*

*together we are creating a  
healthy school*

achievement  
program



# Yr 11 VCAL Habitat Garden Update

Students studying Year 11 Intermediate VCAL this Semester have been constructing our 2021 Habitat Garden Project. Personal Development Skills teachers Tom Noonan & Elise Fisher have been coordinating the project in conjunction with our landscaper, Quentin Kirley.

The Government funded project has been disrupted this Semester due to the recent Metropolitan Melbourne lockdown & restrictions, though that has not stopped our resilient Year 11 PDS students to getting back on the tools in recent weeks out of lockdown.

The students have been learning about the importance of Biodiversity & the ongoing effects of climate change in the classroom alongside this practical project. Meeting up with their learning outcomes & working in teams.

Bunnings Victoria kindly donated thousands of dollars' worth of gardening equipment to fund the project. Ms Fisher in conjunction with Wyndham City was awarded with a very generous donation of plants that will also be going into the new garden project.

The students even constructed 5 brand new wheelbarrows that were donated from Bunnings Victoria that we are now using weekly for our project.

Mr. Noonan & Ms. Fisher are very proud of all the hard work from our students & are excited to see the project's completion in upcoming months!



- Mr Noonan

# the holiday program



June 28 July 5

## Academy Training

Fawkner Park, South Yarra

# mon



# wed

## Coach Upskilling

Australian Sports Museum  
Alan Bain Reserve, Richmond

June 30 July 7

June 29 July 6

# tue



## Guest Presentations Visit to Bounce

AAMI Park, Melbourne



July 1 July 8

# thur

## Football Tournament Prize giveaways

Fawkner Park, South Yarra

Register now

More info

Free and open to all secondary school students

Funded by the Department of Education and Training and delivered by Melbourne Victory, participants will join in football, education, and employment sessions, as well as join in on excursions around Melbourne. Limited spaces, registration is essential. Week 1: 28, 29, 30 June, 1 July (South & East Schools) | Week 2: 5, 6, 7, 8 July (North & West Schools). Students require both school approval and parent consent to register.

Melbourne Victory puts the health and safety of all staff and participants first and will deliver The Holiday Program in line with all Government imposed COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions. All programs follow and adhere to COVID-19 hygiene and distancing guidelines as set out by Government and DET. MVFC COVIDSafe plan and guidelines can be found here: [www.myclubvictory.com.au/return-to-programs](http://www.myclubvictory.com.au/return-to-programs)



# Yr 10 WRICA Careers Expo

On May 21, 260 Year 10 students from Point Cook Senior attended the WRICA Careers Expo at Werribee racecourse. Students had an opportunity to visit over 60 exhibitors including Universities, TAFEs, Victoria Police, Australian Defence Force, various trade organisations and local employers.

Students had an opportunity to talk with exhibitors about course and career options and collected significant resources to commence course counselling in Term 3.

- Ms Dimech-Hill



# Yr 10 CAEP Group Projects

The theme for this year's Education Week (in Week 6) is Building Connections – an important idea particularly considering the disconnection we have all experienced after 2020.

As part of this, the SRC asked some of the CAEP groups around our school about their projects, and what they are doing to build connections around our wider community.

“We are running a car wash for staff, raising money to donate items to the Salvation Army.” – Owen, Wiremu, Mohamed, Jett, Jordan

“We are collecting non-perishable foods to donate Victorian Food Bank.” – Ashlee, Shanay, Amber

“We are organising a casual dress day to raise money to go towards Beyond Blue.” – Ata, Sienna, Anisha

“We are raising awareness about body positivity and mental health, and the effects that social media can have.” – Jess, Ganiou, Hurshil, Andrew

- Ms Doh

## WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP MELBOURNE

### "HAMMING UP HAMLET"

Do you know a young creative?  
Invite them to keep playing during these school holidays with a fun-filled week working with the Australian Shakespeare Company actors and educators.

Full of play, the investigation into the world of comedy within *Hamlet* gives young artists the opportunity to build their own unique stepping stones to self-confidence.

The week-long workshop is full of fun drama games, scene studies and practical learning, concluding with a showcase for friends and family.

**Dates:**

28th June - 3rd July (Primary age 7-11)  
5th July - 10th July (Secondary age 12-16)

**Times:**

9:30am - 4:00pm Daily

**Location:**

Greek Centre - 168 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC

**Cost:**

Price for the week \$480  
Price for a single day: \$110 (Mon/Tues only)



**For more information or queries, reach us at:**  
03 8676 7511 or [schools@shakespeareaustralia.com.au](mailto:schools@shakespeareaustralia.com.au)

# THE BREAKFAST everyone is welcome CLUB

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

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

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



**Join us and build positive relationships with staff and students!**

**where? Room 312**

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

# REMINDERS

## KEY DATES SEMESTER 2

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>12 July</b> Term 3 Commences  | <b>04 Oct</b> Term 4 Commences                                       |
| <b>21 July</b> Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Information Evening         | <b>08 Oct</b> VTAC SEAS & Scholarships Close                         |
| <b>21 July</b> Year 11 into Year 12 Parent Information Evening         | <b>14 Oct</b> Year 10 Work Experience Form Due                       |
| <b>23 July</b> Advisory Program - Day 2                                | <b>14 Oct</b> MAD FEST   |
| <b>28 July</b> Year 10 Course Counselling - No Year 10 Classes         | <b>22 Oct</b> Year 12 Last Day                                       |
| <b>29 July</b> Year 12 Alternative University/TAFE Application Session | <b>27 Oct</b> Year 12 Exams Commence                                 |
| <b>29 July</b> The GAT   | <b>01-05 Nov</b> Year 11 Revision Week                               |
| <b>30 July</b> Year 12 TIS Excursion - Deakin University               | <b>02 Nov</b> Melbourne Cup Day                                      |
| <b>02 Aug</b> VTAC Application Information Session                     | <b>08-12 Nov</b> Year 11 Exams Week                                  |
| <b>04 Aug</b> Year 9 into Year 10 Open Night                           | <b>08-12 Nov</b> Year 11 VCAL Work Experience Week                   |
| <b>05 Aug</b> Year VTAC Parent Information Night                       | <b>08-12 Nov</b> Year 10 Revision Week                               |
| <b>10 Aug</b> Intermediate Winder 2 Interschool Sport                  | <b>08-12 Nov</b> Year 10 Camp Week                                   |
| <b>19 Aug</b> Curriculum Day - Student Free Day                        | <b>15-19 Nov</b> 15 - 19/11 Year 10 Exam Week                        |
| <b>20 Aug</b> Year 9 into Year 10 Course Selection Forms Due           | <b>15-19 Nov</b> 15 - 19/11 Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 1  |
| <b>23 Aug</b> Year 12 SEAS & Presentation                              | <b>22-26 Nov</b> 22 - 26/11 Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 2  |
| <b>23 Aug</b> STAMP TESTING SATURDAY                                   | <b>22-26 Nov</b> 22 - 26/11 Year 10 Work Experience Week             |
| <b>01 Sep</b> Hobson Bay Athletics Carnival                            | <b>29 Nov- 3 Dec</b> 29 - 3/12 Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Week |
| <b>13-17 Sep</b> Year 12 Practice Exams                                | <b>06-09 Dec</b> 6 - 9/12 Year 9 into Year 10 Orientation Program    |
| <b>15 Sep</b> Year 12 VTAC/SEAS Support Evidence Due                   | <b>17 Dec</b> 17/12/2021 Term 4 Ends                                 |
| <b>16 Sep</b> Western Metro Athletics Carnival                         |  |
| <b>16 Sep</b> Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening              |  |
| <b>17 Sep</b> Parent Teacher Student Conference - Morning              |  |
| <b>17 Sep</b> Term 3 Ends  |  |

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

*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: [pointcooksenior-vic.compass.education/](http://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)

Find us on Facebook 

