



Point Cook Senior

TERM 2 Newsletter

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



4th Edition
23rd June 2023

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Principal's Report

Respect Effort Responsibility

School Vision: Every student will be supported through high quality teaching and learning practices in achieving successful outcomes and a pathway of their choice.

Strive for Success – Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

While this newsletter marks the end of term 2 we have already finished semester 1 and started semester 2 and I want to thank all the students for their efforts in making the transition a smooth and effective one.

The end of semester 1 was highlighted by the exams in year 10 and 11 and it was great to see the effort and time put into them by students who were keen to demonstrate what they have learnt in the last 6 months. The Yr 12 students had the General Achievement Test (GAT) during this time as well. For a lot of those students. The GAT is a great way to experience what end of year exams will be like.

I encourage all students over the break to think about how they can improve their school outcomes and plan what they will do to support the improvement. Often it doesn't take a lot of extra effort to achieve better grades, improve relationships or decide on a better pathway.

Student reports will be out to parents and families on Friday the 23rd June through Compass. Take time to read over them and discuss them with your child. Talk about improvements they can make, ask them about what they achieved and what their assignments incorporated. Asking questions and understanding the work lets students know that it is important to you and improves their motivation for doing well.

Overall the reports look wonderful. The results that our students have received reflects a huge commitment from them all and I would like to congratulate them all.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone the best over the holiday break. Rest and relaxation is important for the students in order for them to come back fresh and energetic.

As always, I ask everyone in our school community to look after your friends and families. We look forward to seeing everyone back fit and healthy on July 10.

Cheers

Shaun Sleep
Acting Principal
Point Cook Senior Secondary College

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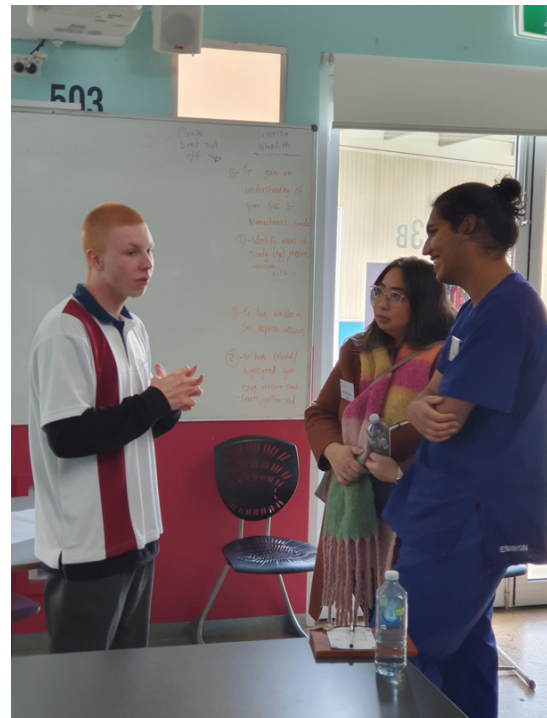
Alumni Events Term 2

Year 11 VCE VM: On Tuesday 30th May we were fortunate to have 6 members present their education and career experiences, time management and study strategies to our Year 11 Work Related Studies cohort. Once the presentations were complete, the students broke up into 3 groups with the alumni answering student questions and elaborating on their experiences.

We thank Emily Wright (Community services co-ordinator), James Garnham (Victoria Police administration), Kyla Canares (academic tutor), Adriana Ridzwan (mental health and awareness policy officer) and Tia Relampagos (Planner and Dept of environment, land water and planning)



Year 12 Careers session: 5 alumni presented their education and career experiences at our VCE year 12 alumni session held on Thursday 1st June, with some year 10 and 11 students in attendance. Our alumni answered queries regarding their field, study experiences and higher education pathways.



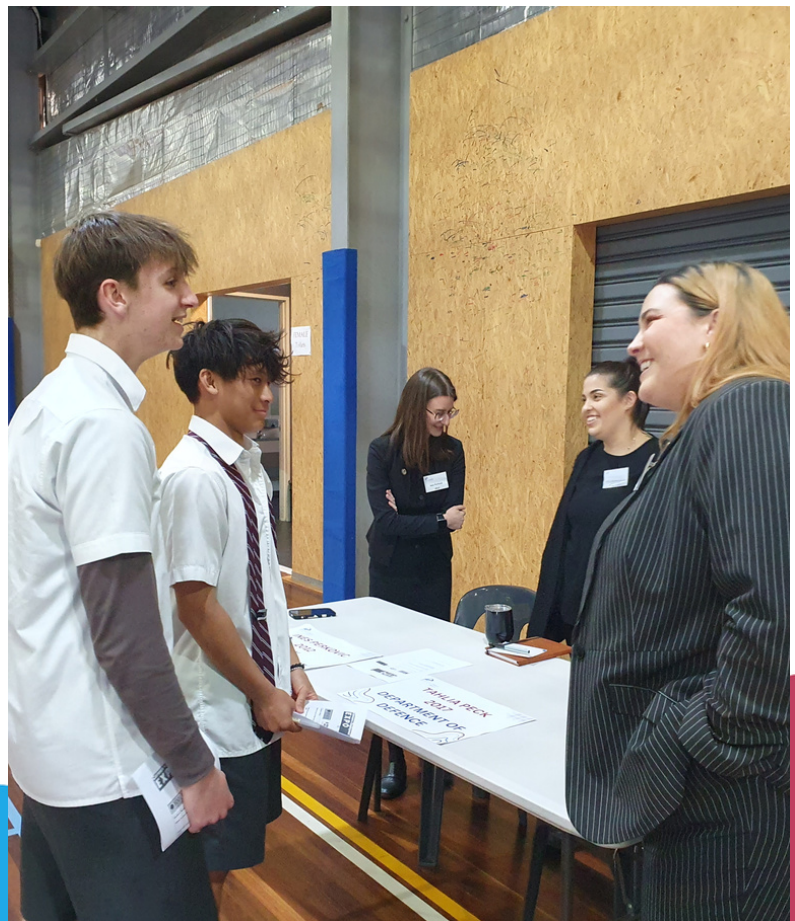
We thank Georgia Eleftheriou (PhD candidate: The Florey Institute: Neuroscience and Mental Health), Sharni Boldiston (Field service engineer), Ines Perkovic (senior analyst), Tahlia Peck (Law, program manager), Jessie Mahina Caesar (freelance media artist)

Alumni Events Term 2

Year 10 Careers Expo: The year 10 Careers Expo was held directly after the year 12 session, and our alumni kindly attended. They answered questions regarding their career pathways and higher education experiences.



Do you have a child that has graduated from PCSSC and they would like to join the alumni program or know what is involved? They can email me at: 8847-alumni@schools.vic.edu.au or visit the alumni page on the school website to follow the social media links or complete a registration form.



Year 12 VCE VM Fundraiser

On May 26 Year 12 VCE VM students facilitated a self-directed kitchen project to raise money for industrial dust disease research. Students made and sold baked goods that included muffins, brownies, cup cakes and cookies.

Students made a variety of soups including pumpkin, chicken vegetable, wonton and lentil soup. Students also made toasties and mini pizzas. This fundraiser was a huge success and the WRS students raised \$395.



The self-directed project taught me to properly communicate with the group. Learning that working with new and different people extended my communication skills. We used OH&S skills to execute the project safely and hygienically. It was a great event.

Bella



Careers News

Throughout term 2 Point Cook Senior had visits from a number of tertiary institutions including The University of Melbourne, ACU and Victoria University.

Students heard from University representatives about course options, University facilities, clubs and societies and career opportunities.

On June 1 Year 10 students participated in a Careers Expo. Many students heard from 5 former alumni students inspiring career journey including law, photography and neuroscience.

Students were able to access information and resources from various University, TAFE and RTO providers, including RMIT, The Gordon TAFE, Swinburne University, Victoria University, G Force and Foresight training. Students had insightful conversations and gathered resources to commence research prior to course counselling.

Holiday Program- Ready Set Design: RMIT City Campus: July 5

Attention Year 12 students- Free Design Folio Workshop- Ideal for students interested in architecture, design, media & fashion

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ready-set-design-workshop-2-folio-bytes-masterclass-tickets>



Wyndham Learning Festival

<https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/pre-festival-overview/>



Wynspeak competition

I was given the opportunity to compete at Wynspeak, a public speaking competition held every year by schools in Melbourne. I had always been confident in speaking to an audience; however, I was a big fish in a little pond, and I got to test my skills with many other talented speakers. It was a well organised event where each speaker was given an equal opportunity to voice their subject. Even with 15 competitive speeches, the majority of speeches were immersive, and captivating (which admittedly made me nervous). After the main organised speeches, the institution offered everyone biscuits and tea, which showed good hospitality and the judges even came in with feedback (the good and the bad).

Overall, it was a great experience! A big shout out to my family and friends for supporting me, and big thank you to Mr. Karaoutsadis for giving me this opportunity to represent the school.

Lauren Rowarth, 11E




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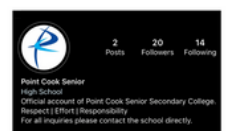


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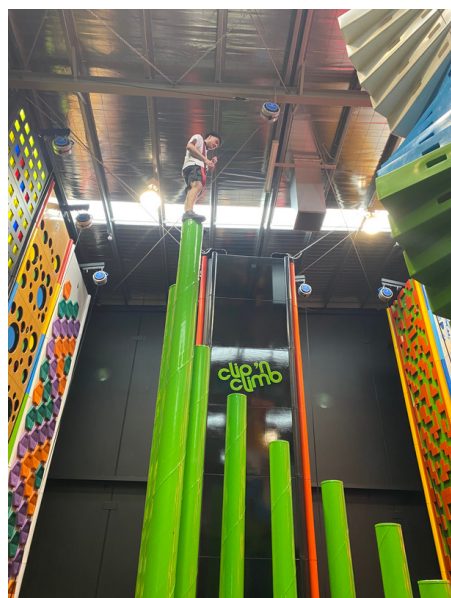



on Instagram
@pointcook.senior



VET Sport & Recreation

Students in both Year 1 and Year 2 VCE/ VET Sport and Recreation attended the Williamstown Clip and Climb Centre to finish off Term 2. Students had a fantastic time and displayed both physical and mental strength as they worked to climb as high as they could!

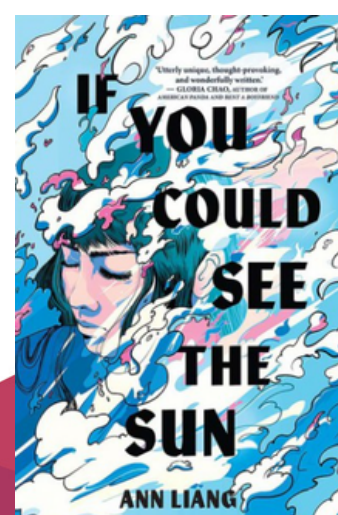
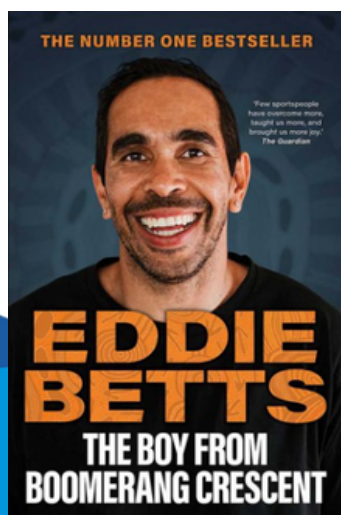


LRC News

We have had an array of new books available this month which are on display and available to borrow. Some of the titles are: Jobs in design and construction, Jobs in sport, Eddie Betts: The boy from Boomerang Crescent and If you could see the sun. If there are any titles that we do not have in our collection that you would like to read, please let me know.

Just a reminder that laptops, chargers and calculators are available on a daily loan basis unless other arrangements have been organised. Please return equipment to the LRC by the end of the day as overdue notices are emailed weekly to parents/guardians and students. All overdue items need to be returned to the LRC.

Deborah



Y11 Work Related Skills

Year 11 VCE Vocational Major students attended a careers and industry excursion to Melbourne CBD, as part of their Work Related Skills studies. Students completed a scavenger hunt which exposed them to different occupations and industries in the CBD. Students also attended a careers workshop at the 'Metro HQ' centre, which is the information hub of the Victorian Big Build and Westgate Tunnel Project. A big shout out goes to Emma, Rocky, Boyu, Atharv and Nicholas who won the most points in the occupation scavenger hunt!



As part of their Work Related Skills studies involving different industries, Year 11 VCE Vocational Major students attended an afternoon question and answer session facilitated by 6 Point Cook Senior Alumni. During this session, students listened to the alums experience at school, in further study and in the workplace. Students worked in small groups with an alumnus to get a deeper understanding of what a 'day in the life' looks like at work for this person. Students created Story Boards that showed the information they learnt in the session. Thank you very much to all of the alumni who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the session!



Year 12 Media Excursion

On Wednesday the 26th of April, the Year 12 Media students headed off to Top Designs and Top Screen, in preparation for our upcoming Production. On the excursion, we were able to observe the work of the top performing 2022 Media students from the state, analysing the productions they created, as well as looking at their folios, in order to understand how they achieved top marks.

At Top Screen, we were lucky enough to hear from some of the students themselves, who had produced some excellent short films. We were able to get some tips and tricks, not only about creating short films, but balancing the pressures of Year 12, and learning how amazing short films can be made on a small student budget. Overall, the day was a huge success, and we are now all very excited to get started with our productions!



Year 11 Media - Making a podcast

On Tuesday the 9th of May, the Unit 1 Media students went to Wyndham Tech School to learn all about making podcasts. In preparation for our study of Outcome 3, Australian Stories, we spent the day brainstorming podcast ideas, writing a script, and then creating our final podcast. The day was extremely fun and engaging, and Wyndham Tech School provided a brilliant session. We were all super proud of the work we created and left the day feeling more excited about our upcoming assessment task.



PDS Fun Fest

Earlier in the term Year 11 Personal Development Skills students worked with Wyndham Youth Services to Plan and Run a lunchtime festival. All the students at Point Cook Senior had a great time watching the band Terra, playing games on the Street Surfer Bus, participating in sports competitions and grabbing a free BBQ lunch.

The organising students learnt a lot about event planning and management, communication and even how to cook a snag or 500, and would like to pass on their thanks to Sara, Cookie, Josie and Jamie from Wyndham Youth Services, who helped them run the event.



Senior Boys Basketball

Point Cook Senior Boys Basketball brings home silverware once again! Victorian State College Championship runners up.

The Point Cook Senior Boys Basketball squad road tripped out to the State Basketball Center out in Glen Waverley for the Victorian State College Championships. The squad qualified for these state finals winning their qualifying tournament it in Werribee last month.

Game results:

Game 1: Win - 32-10 vs Lillydale High school.

Game 1 the boys jumped straight off the bus and sprinted onto the court with us just making our game on time! Bailey Robertson required no warm up knocking in big 3's and with Maehe Paraha starting his massive day at the office with full court press defence, scoring the ball at will. Chris Bloch had a massive shot block to end the game.

Game 2: Loss - 32-29 vs SEDA Burwood

Game 2 was a grind, the boys played extremely well offensively and defensively. Brady Murnane started right where he left off last tournament with outstanding 3 point makes. Kristian Tsapatolis played his best game of the day running our offensive sets whilst bringing some fantastic defensive work for our team. Bailey Robertson had a last second 3 point shot rim out with 1 second left. Was a tough excellent shot that was inches away from dropping in.



Senior Boys Basketball

Game results:

Game 3: Win - 37-17 vs Flinders Secondary College

The squad played their most complete defensive game against Flinders secondary college. The equation was win the game to make the semi final or lose and head home on the bus early. Aiden Dumesny refused to let our side go home early with a dominate game defensively at center, keeping Flinders to 17 points total in the game. Ryan Neill was massive off the bench creating his own shots with Brady and Maehe once again leading our team in scoring.

Semi Final: Win - 38-35 vs Chairo Christian School

The semi final was intense close and hard fought. Shay Roberts and Wiremu Tutu showed his senior leadership defensively against Chairo. Aiden was once again just massive for us defensively playing full minutes at center. Brady and Maehe once again led us in scoring to lead us into the grand final with huge shots. Best win of the day.

Grand Final: Loss - 36- 20 vs SEDA

The boys lost their legs in the grand final, with fatigue offensively having our shots fall short of the basket, just didn't have it this game! Though the journey to make the final was brilliant, and the development shown across the side was a pleasure to watch. Silver medalists in the Victorian State Championships. Maehe Paraha earning days MVP honours.

The team performed above expectations in this tournament ending with a overall 9-2 record. Special group of players representing our school and basketball community.

Mr.Noonan



Year 12 Media Student Work



Jazzy Sandaver
"The Ferryman"



THANA AKUJI

A soft-spoken and timid individual, Thana Akuji is the current Ferryman as of the year 1713, and has been since the year 1692. She is the youngest daughter of the Akuji family, a noble family from the continent of K'aari. The Akuji family have direct association with the deity of death, peace and decay, known as *Éirine*.

Age: 25 (current) 4 (age of death)
Status: Deceased, uncrossed soul
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
Species: Half-elf, half-human
(Undead)

Thana is known as a "Vessel". Vessels are magic users from a lineage that has been directly blessed by a specific deity. They are blessed with abilities specific to said deity. Thana is a vessel for the deity *Éirine*, which is the reason she is classed as "Undead". This allows her to ferry souls into the Afterlife.



unmasked:



mask:

EUGENE FINCH

A reserved and level-headed nobleman, Eugene Finch a working doctor and allegedly the only living heir to the noble Finch family of the continent Wyndra, since the shipwreck of HMS Pura Vida in 1692. The Finch family have a direct association with the deity of life, chaos and revitalisation *Kháu*.

Age: 25
Status: Alive
Pronouns: He/Him/His/They/Them/Theirs
Species: Human

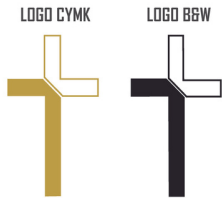
Eugene, like Thana, is a vessel. Eugene is a vessel for the deity *Kháu*, meaning he had been gifted with a range of magical abilities to balance the vessel of *Éirine*, who is Thana. Although this connection gave him a range of magical abilities, a recent experience has allowed him to see restless undead souls, sending him into quite the panic and on the search to explain his newfound ability.



Jazzy Sandaver

VisComm Student work

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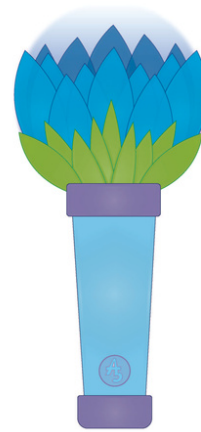
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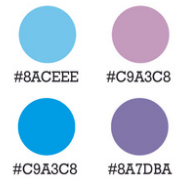


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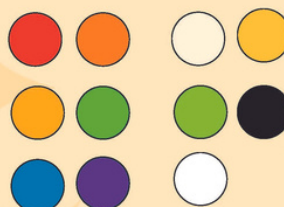
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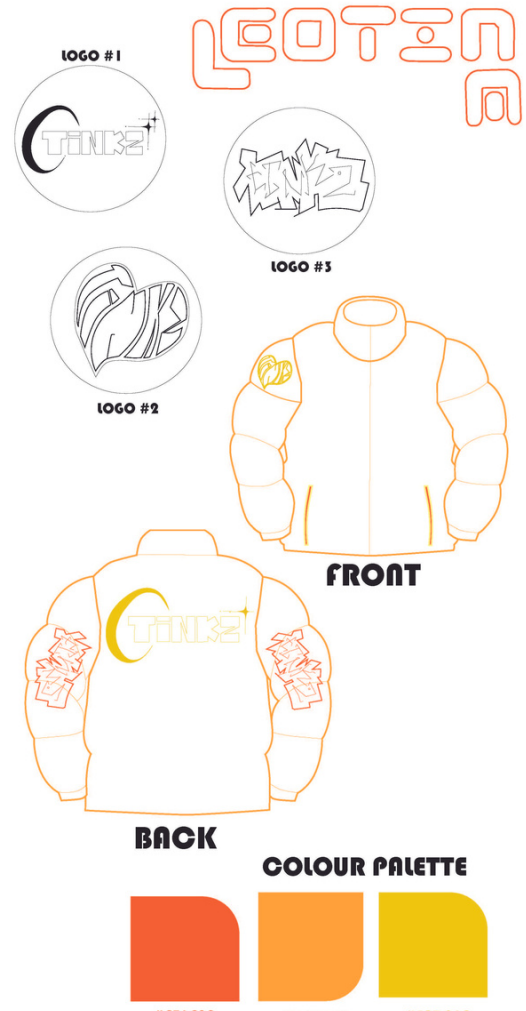


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VisComm Student work



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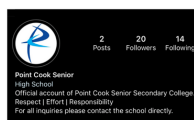


Lorielle Lale-Faumuina

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Mix 7-11 years old

Sundays (seperate sessions):

Boys 12-16 years old

Girls 12-16 years old

For more information contact:

Amal Hassan Ali 0402 839 524

Amran Elmi 0401 348 464

REGISTER
TODAY



STARTS WEEK OF
MAY 8TH

Juniors 7-11 years old

starts Thur 11 May

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Point Cook Senior Secondary College

The Wellbeing Hub



Welcome to the Hub!

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

The Wellbeing Team



Sunny

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

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



Susan



Susan Cam

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

Hello!

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



Irma

THE BREAKFAST everyone is welcome CLUB

Our Breakfast Program has been supporting students in need for 11 years now!

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

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



Join us and build positive relationships with staff and students!

where? Room 312

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

REMINDERS

KEY DATES

10 Jul Term 3 Commences

19 Jul Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Information Evening

19 Jul Year 11 into Year 12 Parent Information Evening

20 Jul Advisory Program - Day 2

26 Jul Year 10 Course Counselling - No Year 10 Classes

28 Jul Year 10 into 11 Course Selection Forms Due

28 Jul Year 11 into 12 Course Selection Forms Due

2 Aug Year 9 into Year 10 Open Night

3 Aug VTAC Applications Open

3 Aug Year 12 VTAC Parent Information Night

18 Aug Year 9 into Year 10 Course Selection Forms Due

11 - 15 Sep Year 12 Practice Exams

14 Sep Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening

15 Sep Parent Teacher Student Conference - Morning

15 Sep Term 3 Ends

3 Oct Term 4 Commences

7 Oct VTAC SEAS & Scholarships Close

13 Oct Year 10 Work Experience Form Due

18 Oct Year 12 Last Day

17 Oct Year 12 Celebration Day

30 - 3 Oct Year 11 Revision Week

6 Nov Curriculum Day - Student Free

6 - 10 Nov Year 10 Revision Week

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RESPECT
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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
2. click on the Compass Portal icon

OR

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

If you are having trouble accessing your account, click on the "Can't access your account" and follow the prompts to access it using your username, email address or mobile number.

If you need guidance on how to navigate the Compass Portal, please contact the school or see the 'Compass Help' page on the school website.



Community health centres

Information, referral, counselling and support groups

cohealth 9377 7100
(North/West/CBD) cohealth.org.au

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

IPC Health 9296 1200
(Brimbank, ipchealth.com.au
Wyndham, Hobsons Bay)

Income support

Ring Centrelink on **136 150** and ask for an appointment with a social worker

Emergency accommodation

Crisis Contact Centre **1800 627 727**

Yarra Community Housing **1800 825 955**

Melbourne Youth Support **9614 3688**

Support for victims/survivors of sexual assault

WestCASA 9687 5811

CASA House 9635 3610

Victims of Crime 1800 819 817

Support for men who want to change their behaviour

Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491

MensLine Australia 1300 789 978

LifeWorks 1300 543 396

Other useful services

WIRE 1300 134 130

Kids HelpLine 1800 551 800

Parentline 13 22 89

Relationships Australia 8311 9222



Women's Health West

P 9689 9588

E info@whwest.org.au

W www.whwest.org.au

Current as at July 2016

Life without family violence



English

If you need an interpreter

First ring the Telephone Interpreter Service

13 14 50 (24 hours)

24 HOUR

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE - 000

SAFE STEPS FAMILY VIOLENCE RESPONSE CENTRE

1800 015 188

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS AND COUNSELLING LINE

1800 806 292

These services may be able to help you

Family violence support services

Women's Health West provides information, counselling, crisis and court support for women and children affected by family violence

P: 9689 9588

W: whwest.org.au

inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

supports women from diverse backgrounds who are experiencing family violence

P: 1800 755 988

W: intouch.asn.au

Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Services

provides support for Aboriginal women in relation to family violence

P: 9482 5744

W: emhaws.org.au

Community legal services

communitylaw.org.au

Brimbank 8312 2000

Flemington/Kensington 9376 4355

Footscray 9689 8444

Melbourne 9328 1885

Melton 9747 5240

Moonee Valley 9376 7929

Werribee 9749 7720

Magistrates courts

Broadmeadows 9221 8900

Melbourne 9628 7777

Sunshine 9300 6200

Werribee 9974 9300

Other legal services

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service

1800 105 303

Women's Legal Service 8622 0600

Court Network 1800 681 614

RE-CYCLE YOUR CYCLE



Bicycle Donations Needed

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD,
UNWANTED BICYCLE YOU
NO LONGER NEED OR USE?**

Preserve the environment and donate it to the **West Metro Community Work Team's Fix the Cycle Program!**

In the program young offenders are taught to repair, refurbish and overhaul old and disused bikes. Once completed, **the bicycles are donated to community members who most benefit** from a sustainable method of free private transport, such as teenagers coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and refugee families who are newly settled in Australia.

**For donations contact
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**Westmetro.communitywork
@justice.vic.gov.au**





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everyone's family

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

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

Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone or SMS

your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

Email

WerribeeSP@thesmithfamily.com.au

Online

saverplus.org.au

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